MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The National Association of Town Watch (NATW) is a nonprofit, crime prevention organization which works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out, “America's Night Out Against Crime,” was introduced by the Association in 1983; and

WHEREAS, The 26th annual National Night Out Against Crime is a nation-wide event designed to promote neighborhood safety; and

WHEREAS, National Night Out Against Crime activities are designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back; and

WHEREAS, On August 4th neighborhoods across Bellingham will turn on porch lights for National Night Out;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Tuesday, August 4, 2009, to be

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AGAINST CRIME

and urge all citizens of Bellingham to support National Night Out Against Crime by hosting and participating in neighborhood events and activities.

Signed this 1st day of July 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham