MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the control of litter and litter prevention is vitally important to the quality of life in Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and businesses and the Bellingham City government have an interest in encouraging every citizen and business and its employees to protect and preserve the beauty and cleanliness of the community; and

WHEREAS, Keep American Beautiful, Inc., a national nonprofit organization with a history of addressing litter for over 50 years by encouraging individual responsibility, community partnerships and advocating volunteerism is addressing an emerging litter problem, CIGARETTE LITTER; and

WHEREAS, Downtown Bellingham Partnership will launch a Cigarette Litter Prevention Program to reduce litter in downtown Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham, in cooperation with Downtown Bellingham Partnership, local businesses, community and civic leaders agree that CIGARETTE LITTER has become a community-wide problem and have a strong interest in reducing it and eventually eliminating it; and

WHEREAS, all interested citizens are invited to support the Cigarette Litter Prevention Program, in Bellingham, which is launched in August,

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, hereby proclaim

August 2009 as “Cigarette Litter Prevention Month”

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 1st day of July 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham