MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, "Mom & Pop" stores, small, independent retailers of all types of products and services that we use every day, are usually owned and operated by local families; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the convenience that neighborhood Mom & Pop stores provide, they also serve as a touchstone to the community, often taking on the roles of bulletin board, backyard fence, and gathering space; and

WHEREAS, Mom & Pop stores, and other small businesses, are often considered to be the backbone of our economy, providing jobs, revenues, and investment in neighborhoods:

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Tuesday, September 29, 2009 to be

MOM & POP STORE DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 31st day of August 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham