MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, City of Bellingham believes that our young residents – or junior citizens – are a vital component to our city, deserving of recognition and support as they prepare to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future; and

WHEREAS, these junior citizens will assume responsibility for our society in the years ahead and need our guidance, inspiration, and encouragement to develop the qualities of character essential for future leadership; and

WHEREAS, we demonstrate our understanding of their hopes, aspirations and sincere willingness to contribute by recognizing partnerships with organizations that encourage the achievement of civic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks has designated the first full week in May as Elks National Youth Week, in tribute to our junior citizens, honoring them, for their achievements and contributions to the community, city and nation;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as

“ELKS YOUTH WEEK”

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

Signed this 4th day of May 2010.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham