MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bellingham Public School’s teacher Bill Palmer is retiring after 38 years of service in public education; and

WHEREAS, he began teaching 1972 at Silver Beach Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, from 1974 to 1985 he taught in other districts around the state; and

WHEREAS, he returned to the Bellingham School District in 1985, and has been teaching at Columbia Elementary ever since; and

WHEREAS, in Mr. Palmer’s classes all kids are “UGLY,” his affectionate acronym for Unusually Gifted Learned Youth; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer leaves a legacy of excellence among students, parents, teachers, administrators and others throughout the school district; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer’s many contributions extended beyond school into the Columbia Neighborhood and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the broader Bellingham community has enjoyed his voice as the announcer at many Western Washington University sporting events; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Palmer’s professionalism, integrity, leadership and the care he showed for his students and everyone around him touched the lives of people throughout Bellingham.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Monday, June 7, 2010

BILL PALMER DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 7th day of June, 2010.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham