MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, author of the *Manual of Parliamentary Practice*, published in 1801; and


WHEREAS, The current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* is widely recognized as the leading parliamentary authority in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The proper use of parliamentary procedure protects the rights of the majority, the minority, individual members, absentees, and all of these together, while fostering orderly deliberation; and

WHEREAS, In the words of Henry M. Robert, “It is difficult to find another branch of knowledge where a small amount of study produces such great results in increased efficiency in a country where the people rule, as in parliamentary law;” and

WHEREAS, The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), founded in 1930, is the largest non-profit organization of professional parliamentarians in the world, dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure; and

WHEREAS, The Washington State Association of Parliamentarians (WSAP), chartered in July 1961 as a constituent division of NAP, will hold its 50th Annual Meeting and 50th Anniversary Celebration April 8-10, 2011, in Bellingham; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2011 as

“PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH”

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all citizens to acquaint themselves with the principles of parliamentary law.

Signed this 9th day of February, 2011

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham