MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham is a pioneer of international climate actions; and

WHEREAS, all citizens of Bellingham, beginning with the First People’s of this region, are committed to the calling and responsibility to care for the land and water and air and creatures; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham residents are deeply connected to many other residents all over the world through friendship, love, and family bonds, many of whom may be already suffering climate-related environmental catastrophes; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham residents have a great accumulation of knowledge and innovative technological know-how to make change for the better; and

WHEREAS, our well-educated public understands the necessity to keep our atmospheric carbon dioxide below 350 parts per million in order to have a planet similar to the one on which civilization developed and to which life on earth is adapted; and

WHEREAS, City policies, initiatives, laws, and programs have been put forward to lower the level of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, City government strongly supports and is supported by non-governmental organizations that take climate action; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that the response to the global climate issue can and must begin with bold and positive local actions by one person, one family, one neighborhood, one city at a time.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 24, 2011 to be

“MOVING PLANET BELLINGHAM DAY”

in the City of Bellingham, WA and urge all residents to move beyond fossil fuels, beyond oil, beyond coal, as our city prepares the way for a peaceful Transition to an abundant and positive future beyond fossil fuels for all plants, all creatures, and all future generations.

Signed this 22nd day of September, 2011.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham