



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAN PIKE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the American Payroll Association and its 23,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 156 million people who work in the U.S. and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals in Bellingham play a key role in maintaining the economic health of the community by carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement, and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing; and

WHEREAS, payroll departments collectively spend more than \$15 billion annually complying with a myriad of federal and state wage and tax laws; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in education both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both government and business; and

WHEREAS, the week in which Labor Day falls have been proclaimed National Payroll Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the first week of September 2008 to be

NATIONAL PAYROLL WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this _____ day of August 2008.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham