



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Public parks and recreation systems are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for millions of residents in communities around the world through recreation programming, leisure activities and conservation efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, Parks, recreation activities and leisure experiences provide opportunities for young people to live, grow and develop into contributing members of society; create lifelines and continuous life experiences for older members of the community; generate opportunities for people to come together and experience a sense of community; and, pay dividends to communities by attracting business and jobs and increasing housing values; and

**WHEREAS**, As we observe Recreation and Parks Month, we recognize the vital contributions of employees and volunteers in parks and recreation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, These dedicated supporters keep public parks clean and safe for visitors, organize youth activities, provide educational programming on health, nutrition, first aid and gardening, advocate for more open space and better trails, and fundraise for local improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, Park volunteers and employees ensure that parks and recreation facilities are safe and accessible places for all citizens to enjoy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of July 2008 to be

### **NATIONAL RECREATION AND PARK ASSOCIATION MONTH**

in the City of Bellingham, Washington, and encourage all citizens to enjoy what their community has to offer by taking part in their favorite sports, visiting the outdoors, spending time with family and friends or just relaxing.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June 2008.

Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham