



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, Harold “Barney” Goltz, a former state senator and beloved figure in Bellingham and Whatcom County civic life, died Thursday, December 25, 2008 at age 84; and

**WHEREAS**, our community feels deeply the loss of this great and kind friend, gentleman and leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Barney became a Bellingham resident in 1957 when he took a job at Western Washington University; and

**WHEREAS**, he served many years in the state Legislature, a well-respected and hard-working member who won friends and influenced decisions on both sides of the political aisle; and

**WHEREAS**, Barney exemplified public service throughout his political career, dependable, trustworthy and focused on understanding and solving community problems; and

**WHEREAS**, even after his retirement from public service Barney continued his community involvement, continuing to serve, mentor and inspire others ; and

**WHEREAS**, friends and colleagues alike cherished Barney’s kind and gentle nature, and extolled his use of those characteristics in his professional, political and volunteer positions; and

**WHEREAS**, many throughout our communities today consider him not only a political representative and iconic figure but mentor and personal friend; and

**WHEREAS**, Barney delighted everyone on his holiday mailing list each year with a poem infused with political satire, the last one reaching many of us just days before his death; and

**WHEREAS**, Barney’s warm smile, quick-but-gentle wit, and community-minded spirit will remain with us forevermore

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Monday, January 12, 2009 to be

### **HAROLD “BARNEY” GOLTZ DAY**

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of January 2009.

Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham