



Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS, a developmental disability is a condition which affects more than 7 million Americans and their families; and

WHEREAS, public awareness and education enhance a community's understanding of the issues affecting people with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, persons with developmental disabilities are vital and vibrant members of our communities, improving the quality of life for all of us; and

WHEREAS, the month of March has been designated National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, with more than 120,000 members and 1,000 chapters of The Arc undertaking public awareness, educational, and fundraising initiatives; and

WHEREAS, The Arc of Whatcom County is the area's leading volunteer-based organization advocating for and with people with developmental disabilities and their families;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim the month of March 2009, to be

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and urge all citizens to give full support of efforts towards enabling people with developmental disabilities to live full and productive lives of inclusion in our communities.

Signed this 10th day of March 2009

Handwritten signature of Dan Pike in black ink.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Pete Kremen in black ink.

Pete Kremen, County Executive
County of Whatcom

