



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Bellingham's youth make important contributions to the Bellingham's welfare every day of the year; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a fundamental and conclusive correlation between youth service and lifelong adult volunteering and philanthropy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham depends on youth as vital community assets; and

**WHEREAS**, Whatcom & National Youth Service Day is an annual public awareness and education campaign that highlights the valuable contributions that young people make to their communities throughout the year; and

**WHEREAS**, young people around the world are volunteering more than in any generation in history; and

**WHEREAS**, young people should be viewed not only as the hope of the future, but as leaders and problem solvers for today, and should be valued for the unique idealism, energy, creativity, and commitment they bring to the challenges found in their community; and

**WHEREAS**, through community service, young people build character and learn valuable skills, including time management, teamwork, needs-assessment, and leadership, that are sought by employers; and

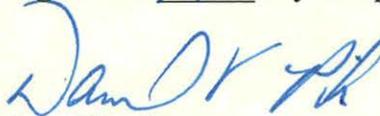
**WHEREAS**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Whatcom Youth Service Day ceremony will take place at the Bellingham Boys & Girls Club from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. on April 25, 2009;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Saturday, April 25, 2009 to be

### YOUTH SERVICE DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

  
Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

