



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, approximately one in every 800 children are born with Down syndrome, representing approximately 5,000 births per year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

WHEREAS, developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995, the Buddy Walk of Whatcom County is coordinated by Down syndrome Outreach, a program of The Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these accomplishments of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

WHEREAS, the activities of the Buddy Walk will help promote Down syndrome programs and issues regarding education, advocacy and awareness.

NOW, THEREFORE, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive do hereby proclaim October 3, 2009, as

DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

throughout Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this day of October, 2009.

Handwritten signature of Dan Pike in blue ink.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Pete Kremen in blue ink.

Pete Kremen, County Executive
County of Whatcom

