



## Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS, in response to the medical needs of low-income, uninsured working families, and to improve the health status of people in Whatcom County, the Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access partnered with the Whatcom County Medical Society in 2006 to form Whatcom Project Access.

WHEREAS, Whatcom Project Access is a network of medical specialists, ancillary providers, medical facilities and PeaceHealth St Joseph Medical Center that donate healthcare to low income, uninsured individuals who reside in our county.

WHEREAS, hundreds of people in our community have benefited from donated medical care for which they otherwise would have no access.

WHEREAS, Whatcom Project Access is a local, efficient, and sustainable way to help meet the healthcare needs of low-income uninsured community members

WHEREAS, Project Access helps to create a community in which all people, regardless of ability to pay, have equal access to medical care so that they may work and better support their families; and

WHEREAS, with broad community support, the donating providers of Project Access serve the entire community through improved access for uninsured people, reduction in the use of Emergency Department, and improvements in the health status of Whatcom County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access strives to be a leader in innovative, comprehensive community solutions that ensure the full continuum of healthcare for all community members

WHEREAS, Whatcom County proudly joins six other counties in the State of Washington in supporting and recognizing local Project Access programs

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Pete Kremen, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim Wednesday, November 17, 2010 to be

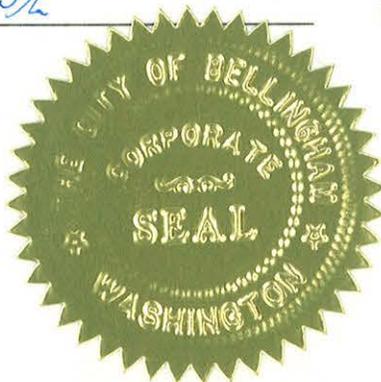
### PROJECT ACCESS PROVIDER APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, Washington, and encourage citizens to join us in this special observance.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2010.

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

