



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAN PIKE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, nearly 24 million Americans—including 16,000 in Whatcom County and over 450,000 in Washington State -- have diabetes, with heart disease, stroke, blindness, kidney disease and amputation as potential complications, and

WHEREAS, an additional 57 million people in the United States are at risk for developing type 2 diabetes; and

WHEREAS, one in every three children could become diabetic in the future; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham is home to some of the most innovative approaches to managing diabetes in the nation, including the Nutrition and Diabetes Clinic, cutting-edge Peer Partnership outreach program, efforts to curb childhood obesity, and many other strategic efforts to detect diabetes and to help people manage the disease; and

WHEREAS, an increase in community awareness significantly enhances the ability of diabetics, their supportive friends and families to better understand and deal with this chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, I urge all citizens of our community to recognize the rapidly growing incidence of diabetes, learn about its symptoms, and support the innovative approaches being developed here to achieve our goal of making Whatcom County one of the healthiest places in the nation in which to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim November 2010 to be

DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.



Signed this 27th day of October 2010.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham