



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAN PIKE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, One hundred years ago, in 1911, International Women's Day was first honored in Austria, Denmark, Germany and Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, the United Nations General Assembly called on member states to proclaim a day for women's rights and international peace; and

WHEREAS, Each year, the U.S. President encourages on all citizens to observe March as National Women's History Month, and March 8th as International Women's Day; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day is observed around the world and provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to celebrate the gains made by women in our society and reflect on the challenges and barriers which women continue to face; and

WHEREAS, On March 8, we will celebrate our achievements. Women's access to education, health care and paid labor has improved, and legislation that promises equal opportunities for women and respect for their human rights has been adopted in many countries; and

WHEREAS, On this day we also will contemplate those areas of women's lives where more can be done. Nowhere in the world can women claim to have all the same rights and opportunities as men. Until we all work together to secure the rights and full potential of women, lasting solutions to social, economic and political problems are unlikely to be found; and

WHEREAS, International Women's Day addresses the social, economic, and political barriers still facing women and girls while celebrating their achievements and the progress that have been made in support of women's equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, Washington, do hereby proclaim the March 8th as

“INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY 100 YEAR CELEBRATION”

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all citizens to celebrate Women's History Month.



Signed this 23rd day of February, 2011

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham