



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, April is the birth month of Thomas Jefferson, author of the *Manual of Parliamentary Practice*, published in 1801; and

**WHEREAS**, General Henry Martyn Robert's *Pocket Manual of Rules of Order for Deliberative Assemblies*, published in 1876 and familiarly known as *Robert's Rules of Order*, soon set the standard for parliamentary rules for ordinary deliberative societies; and

**WHEREAS**, The current edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised* is widely recognized as the leading parliamentary authority in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The proper use of parliamentary procedure protects the rights of the majority, the minority, individual members, absentees, and all of these together, while fostering orderly deliberation; and

**WHEREAS**, In the words of Henry M. Robert, "It is difficult to find another branch of knowledge where a small amount of study produces such great results in increased efficiency in a country where the people rule, as in parliamentary law;" and

**WHEREAS**, The National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), founded in 1930, is the largest non-profit organization of professional parliamentarians in the world, dedicated to educating leaders throughout the world in effective meeting management through the use of parliamentary procedure; and

**WHEREAS**, The Washington State Association of Parliamentarians (WSAP), chartered in July 1961 as a constituent division of NAP, will hold its 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration April 8-10, 2011, in Bellingham; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of April, 2011 as

### **"PARLIAMENTARY LAW MONTH"**

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all citizens to acquaint themselves with the principles of parliamentary law.



Signed this 9th day of February, 2011

Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham