



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAN PIKE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, more than 700 nurses within PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center provide compassionate care and healing in our community, and

WHEREAS, the depth and breadth of the nursing profession meets the different and emerging healthcare needs of the community's population in a variety of settings, and professional nursing is an indispensable component in the safety and quality of care of hospitalized patients, and

WHEREAS, nurses will be needed in the future to meet the increasingly complex needs of healthcare consumers and the aging population in this community, and the safe and quality healthcare services provided by nurses will be an ever more important component of the nation's future healthcare delivery system, and

WHEREAS, May 12th is the birth date of Florence Nightingale, who laid the foundation of professional nursing with the establishment of the first official training program, the Nightingale School for Nurses,

AND WHEREAS, PeaceHealth St. Joseph Medical Center, along with the American Nurses Association, celebrate Florence Nightingale's birth and recognize May 6-12 as National Nurses' Week with the theme "Nurses Trusted to Care" to honor all the ways nurses strive to provide safe and high quality patient care and help to improve our healthcare system,

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 6-12, 2011 to be

"NURSES' WEEK"

in the City of Bellingham, WA and urge all residents join me in honoring the nurses who provide vital, compassionate care and show your appreciation throughout the year.



Signed this 15th Day of April, 2011

Dan Pike, Mayor

City of Bellingham