



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
DAN PIKE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Mitochondria are part of every cell in the body that contains genetic material; and

WHEREAS, Mitochondria are responsible for processing oxygen and converting substances from the foods we eat into energy for essential cell functions; and

WHEREAS, Mitochondria disease, the body's inability to turn food into the energy to sustain life, can cause a wide range of health issues including seizures, low blood counts, blindness, deafness, dementia, heart failure, progressive muscle weakness; and

WHEREAS, Symptoms of Mitochondrial Disease can appear at any age, and can significantly compromise levels of affected individuals; and

WHEREAS, While no cure exists, early diagnosis and treatment can help reduce symptoms, and delay or prevent the progression of the disease; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation is "to promote research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of Mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families."

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the week of September 18 – 24, 2011 to be

MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 18th day of September 2011.

Dan Pike, Mayor
City of Bellingham

