



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
DAN PIKE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the ideal of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all people, and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning in 2002, the United Nations has designated September 21 of each year as the International Day of Peace; and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations dedicates the International Day of Peace to nonviolence and the cessation of hostilities, and calls upon all Nations and people to commemorate the day through educational efforts, public awareness, and adherence to a global ceasefire; and

**WHEREAS**, Peace Day activities around the world include peace marches, concerts, events, poetry readings, prayer ceremonies, art exhibits, vaccination campaigns, memorial services, school assemblies, family reunions and sporting events – all made possible by the laying down of arms; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bellingham has asserted itself as a city of peace by the passage of resolutions calling for an end in the Iraq War and opposing U.S. military intervention in Iran; and

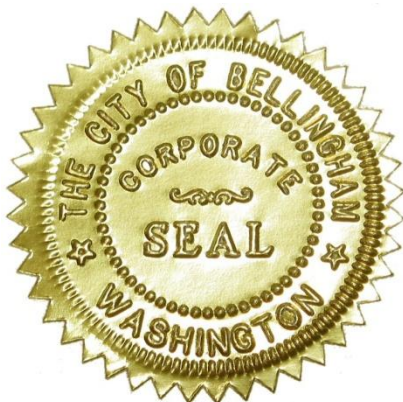
**WHEREAS**, the Bellingham non-profit organization, Whatcom Peace & Justice Center, instituted in 2004, an annual celebration of the International Day of Peace that brings together 600 people annually affirming our community's commitment to building peace through nonviolence.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dan Pike, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, do hereby proclaim September 21 as:

**“INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE”**

In the City of Bellingham, Washington, and call upon the people of Bellingham to observe this day to imagine, build, cultivate and celebrate peace.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand this 8th day of July 2010



Dan Pike, Mayor  
City of Bellingham