



## CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

### CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bainbridge Island is fortunate to have many outstanding individuals who have tirelessly dedicated their time, talents, efforts and resources to make Bainbridge Island a healthy and environmentally safe place to live and visit; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth's vigilance and activism has resulted in the removal and prohibition of hazardous chemicals on Bainbridge Island, and has improved and promoted water quality and the understanding of our groundwater supply; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth was alarmed about, and acted upon, getting rid of contaminated material on Bainbridge Island, by having citizens post "No Spray" signs, which culminated in Kitsap County terminating roadside spraying of chemicals in 1983; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth helped raised the consciousness about the pollution in Eagle Harbor beginning in 1984, and later in 1987, tracking down 400,000 gallons of creosote dumped at the Vincent Road landfill which Kitsap County subsequently removed to protect the Island's groundwater; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth organized a petition drive in 1986 with 2,000 signatures urging the EPA to declare the Wyckoff facility a Superfund site, which eventually restored the land to become Pritchard Park and the Japanese-American Internment Memorial; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth, along with her husband Jerry, was the founder in 1978 of the Association of Bainbridge Communities (ABC) which is based on the principle of neighborhood participation; and

**WHEREAS**, ABC and neighborhood groups successfully fought the Port Blakely Tree farm proposal for 800 homes in South Bainbridge, resulting in land being purchased for IslandWood and Port Blakely Park; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth received the Washington Environmental Council Citizen Environmental Heroes Award in 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, Elane Hellmuth, with her husband Jerry, bought Bucklin Hill Farm (now the Hyla School), placed it on the National Historical Register, and founded a school for the mentally disabled; and


**WHEREAS**, a celebration will be held at Hyla School on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to honor Elane Hellmuth who died on May 18, 2011 at an age of 91, and whose activism has done so much for the Island and its inhabitants;

**NOW THEREFORE I**, Kirsten Hytopoulos, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to be

#### ***ELANE SUMMERS HELLMUTH DAY***

on Bainbridge Island, and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this outstanding activist for all her endeavors.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011

  
Kirsten Hytopoulos

