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CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on February 27, 2010, Eagle Harbor Book Company of Winslow Way, Bainbridge Island, will celebrate its Fortieth Anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Harbor Book Company has been in continuous operation for four decades, providing books to generations of Island readers and offering its visitors inspiration, information, opportunities to exchange ideas and a warm and welcoming gathering space; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Harbor Book Company and its owners are staunch defenders of the First Amendment and take pride in exercising their social conscience and encouraging relevant and courageous civic discourse; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Harbor Book Company in recent years has offered more than 1,500 author events, readings and other special programs to enrich the Bainbridge Island community; and

WHEREAS, these contributions also include programs and activities in support of valued community causes such as Helpline House, the Kitsap Literacy Council, local schools and libraries; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of these contributions and commitments, Eagle Harbor Book Company won the 1998 Lucile Micheels Pannell Award for Excellence in Children's Programming; was nominated for the 2002 Publishers Weekly Bookseller of the Year Award, and won the 2003 Business of the Year Recycling Award from Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Harbor Books has played an integral role in the fabric of our Island's downtown, beginning its history as Betty's Books in February, 1970 under the management of Elizabeth Steele at the site of Mona Lisa's Pasta; becoming The Book Worm, owned by Jackie Vance; being named Eagle Harbor Book Company in 1973 by new owners Julie and Paul Storey, who moved it across the street to the spot now occupied by Johansson and Clark Real Estate, after which it was purchased in 1980 by Richard and Miriam Ferber, who moved the store to its present location and sold it to Steve and Nancy Olsen in 1987, and coming under the guidance of current owner Morley Horder in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Eagle Harbor bookstore sets an example for independent bookstores throughout the nation as a small-town business that has remained viable, through excellent customer service and outstanding programming, in today's world of internet sales and "big box" competitors that offer hundreds of thousands of titles off the shelf; and moreover

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Island community overwhelmingly supports Eagle Harbor Books and places great value on its contributions on many levels, intellectual, cultural and "community-wise;"

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Scales, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, hereby proclaim February 27, 2010 as Eagle Harbor Book Company Appreciation Day, and encourage residents to participate in the activities of celebration planned for that date.

SIGNED this 24th day of February, 2010

Bob Scales, Mayor