

CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island war hero John “Bud” Hawk, now 84, grew up in the Rollingbay area, graduated from Bainbridge High School in 1943 and joined the United States Army two weeks later, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawk was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroic actions on August 20, 1944 near Chambois, France; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman presented Mr. Hawk with the Medal of Honor on the steps of the Washington State Capitol in Olympia in 1945; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hawk also received four Purple Hearts for injuries received during his Army career; and

WHEREAS, after his release from the Army and graduation from the University of Washington, Mr. Hawk continued his public service as an educator, beginning as a fifth and sixth grade teacher at Tracyton Elementary School in Bremerton in 1952 and later moving to Brownsville Elementary School, where he subsequently became principal; and

WHEREAS, federal legislation to dedicate the Rollingbay Post Office building in Mr. Hawk’s honor was introduced by Washington State Congressman Jay Inslee and passed by the United States Congress on November 30, 2009, and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2010, the United States Postal Service will pay tribute to Mr. Hawk by dedicating the Rollingbay Post Office in a ceremony in his honor at ten o’clock in the morning; and

WHEREAS, a plaque will be placed at the Post Office honoring Mr. Hawk,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Scales, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the Bainbridge Island City Council, hereby proclaim February 26, 2010 as John “Bud” Hawk Day, and encourage residents to participate in the activities of celebration planned for that date.

SIGNED this 24th day of February, 2010

/s/
Bob Scales, Mayor