



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, The City of Bainbridge Island is fortunate to have many outstanding individuals who tirelessly dedicate time, talent, effort and resources to making Bainbridge Island a unique and wonderful place to live, work, visit and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, The Bloedel Reserve is one of the most cherished places on Bainbridge Island, where people may find refreshment and tranquility in the presence of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Brown has devoted more than 32 years of his professional life to the leadership and management of The Bloedel Reserve, implementing and perpetuating the vision and legacy of the founders, Prentice and Virginia Bloedel; and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Brown has continued to steward The Bloedel Reserve's horticultural and natural resources, ensuring that its 150 acres provide a sanctuary for wildlife and a carefully managed natural resource, and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Brown has documented and showcased the unique beauty of The Bloedel Reserve through his photography, bringing The Reserve to national and international attention and prominence as one of the world's great public gardens and one of the Pacific Northwest's leading tourism attractions, and

WHEREAS, Richard A. Brown has made invaluable contributions to local and national horticultural and conservation organizations, holding positions that include founding member and past president of the Bainbridge Island Land Trust, past president of the Northwest Horticulture Society, past president and 10-year board member of the Pacific Horticulture Society, past board member of the American Association of Botanical Gardens and Arboreta, past founding board member of the Edward B. Dunn Historic Garden Trust, board member of the Elisabeth C. Miller Botanical Garden, the Pendleton & Elisabeth Miller Charitable Trust, and our own Bainbridge Island Parks Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim today, May 30, 2009 to be

RICHARD A. BROWN DAY

on Bainbridge Island, and I encourage all citizens to join me in recognizing this outstanding individual as a civic resource.

SIGNED this 21st day of May 2009


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor