



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

CITY COUNCIL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2010, the Kids Discovery Museum (KiDiMu) of Bainbridge Island will celebrate its Grand Reopening in a new facility, located at 301 Ravine Lane, at the Island Gateway; and

WHEREAS, with a *mission* “to engage bodies and minds through interactive play, inspire a lifelong journey of discovery, and expand connections to our local and global communities,” KiDiMu offers a place where adults and children interact with and learn from each other, and where children's voices are heard and valued; and

WHEREAS, founded in 2002 by a group of dedicated volunteers as a nonprofit organization, the Museum has addressed the area’s critical need for an accessible, educational resource for parents and young children, from birth through 10; and, with over 100,000 visitors since its opening in 2005, KiDiMu has remained the only museum of its kind on the Kitsap Peninsula to offer a regular rotation of hands-on exhibits and a comprehensive arts and science program, available to all families regardless of their ability to pay admission; and

WHEREAS, with over 400 classes, workshops and camps offered annually, the Museum’s programs bring the community together around children; staff have collaborated with educators to develop programs that complement the school curricula; and KiDiMu’s Arts-in-Education programs offer enrichment opportunities to youth through drop-in workshops by guest artists, professionals, educators, and musicians; and

WHEREAS, through its commitment to serve as a resource for all children in Kitsap and King Counties, the Museum has partnered with organizations and sponsors in support of families in need; over 5,000 free passes and scholarships have been distributed annually in collaboration with Helpline House of Bainbridge Island and Port Orchard, Fishline of Poulsbo, Kitsap County Libraries and HeadStart programs from both counties; and

WHEREAS, as a family destination and through annual community events, the Kids Discovery Museum has played a vital role in attracting tourists and boosting the local economy, attracting visitors from 42 states and six countries, and

WHEREAS, the Museum’s efforts and commitments have been acknowledged by Bainbridge Island Television, and ParentMap Magazine, as well as the Kitsap Sun and Kitsap Credit Union, which recently presented the Museum with a “Healthy Tomorrow Award”; and

WHEREAS, to provide a permanent home for discovery on Bainbridge Island, KiDiMu has acquired a new LEED-certified facility designed with the needs of children in mind, which will ensure that the Museum’s mission will be fulfilled for years to come so that generations of children may benefit; and moreover

WHEREAS, the Bainbridge Island community overwhelmingly supports the Kids Discovery Museum and places great value on its contributions on many levels, educational, cultural and “community-wise;”

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Scales, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, hereby proclaim June 5, 2010 as Kids Discovery Museum Appreciation Day, and encourage residents to participate in the activities of celebration planned for that date.



SIGNED this 12th day of May, 2010



Bob Scales, Mayor