



## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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### ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, children are our most important resource and it is our responsibility to care for, nurture and protect them; and

***WHEREAS***, statistics indicate that individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) in nations throughout the world face the risk of intellectual and learning disabilities, crimes/incarceration, impulse control and anger management, unemployment, homelessness and poverty; and

***WHEREAS***, to reduce the incidence of FASD, it is essential that women who are pregnant or who may become pregnant are provided with support and information; and

***WHEREAS***, families, professionals, individuals living with FASD and other people around the world will observe International FASD Awareness Day on Sept. 9, 2009, with a minute of reflection at 9:09 am.

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Christopher Snow, do hereby proclaim Sept. 9, 2009 as

#### ***International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Awareness Day***

in the City of Bainbridge Island, and encourage everyone to act with compassion and understanding towards those individuals whose lives were affected by alcohol before they were born.

***SIGNED*** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Snow".

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Christopher Snow, Mayor