



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, securing safe, accessible, and affordable housing for all our citizens is both a social and moral imperative; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island has the highest housing costs in our county and among the highest in the state; and

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island has stated in its Comprehensive Plan as well as in a number of public surveys that affordable housing is both needed and desired in order to maintain the character, diversity, and economic vitality of our City; and

WHEREAS, creating and maintaining housing that is affordable to individuals and families who live and work on Bainbridge Island, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities, is crucial to ensuring our community's continued strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, the only organization based solely on Bainbridge Island that is addressing this need and desire for affordable housing is The Housing Resources Board with its many programs, rental properties, and projects; and

WHEREAS, The Housing Resources Board was founded by concerned citizens of this community in 1989 and is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Snow, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, and acting on behalf of the citizens of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim October as **HOUSING RESOURCES BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH** on Bainbridge Island, and do encourage all residents to join with me in attending the anniversary celebration for The Housing Resources Board to be held at the Winslow Green on Saturday, October 3rd at 1 PM, and do also encourage all residents to redouble their support of the efforts of this great community organization to provide affordable housing for all our residents.

SIGNED this 23rd day of September, 2009

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Snow", written over a horizontal line.

Christopher Snow, Mayor

