

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is a serious national public health epidemic that, according to the Centers for Disease Control, and

WHEREAS, annually traumatic brain injury claims more than 50,000 lives and leaves more than 80,000 individuals with lifelong disabilities; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury claims 26,000 new cases in Washington State annually, and that equals to .004% and adds up to 6.5 million affected; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury ranks as the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and

WHEREAS, because of a lack of awareness about brain injury and the difficulty of diagnosing brain injury, many persons with brain injury live for years without recognizing and dealing with their injuries; and

WHEREAS, the State of Washington established the Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council to develop a comprehensive plan to help individuals with traumatic brain injuries meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, most traumatic brain injuries could be prevented with the top three causes including, motor vehicle crashes, falls and victimization by violence; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of America recognizes March as National Brain Injury Awareness Month to enhance public awareness of the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of brain injury; now, therefore

I, BOB SCALES, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2010 as

TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bainbridge Island and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

SIGNED this 26th day of February 2010.

/s/

Bob Scales, Mayor