



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the good health and general well-being of the people of Bainbridge Island is strengthened by our knowledge and understanding of a little-known congenital syndrome known as Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS); and

WHEREAS, children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome are usually born with low birth weight and develop at a slower rate, both mentally and physically, and possess other physical and medical complications; and

WHEREAS, there is no cure for Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, but dedicated medical professionals are presently involved in valuable research to explore new therapies and offer hope for families; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20,000 children in the United States have Cornelia de Lange Syndrome but remain undiagnosed or without support; therefore they miss out on critical medical and social services that can affect their quality and length of life; and

WHEREAS, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, a leading advocate in offering family support and increasing public awareness about Cornelia de Lange Syndrome, works to *Reach Out, Provide Help and Give Hope*;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim the 12th day of May 2007 as

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Day

on Bainbridge Island, and I urge all citizens to join people throughout our nation in promoting a special day that raises awareness of Cornelia de Lange Syndrome.



SIGNED this 1st day of May 2007


Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor