



## ***PROCLAMATION***

***WHEREAS***, President Carter, following his swearing-in ceremony in 1977, put among his highest priorities the plight of hundreds of thousands of unemployed Disabled and Vietnam-era veterans across the country, he implemented the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP), the program hired 2000 Disabled Viet-Nam Era Veterans and placed them in one hundred major cities across the country, as one of his initiatives to kick start the economy and to bring Disabled and Vietnam-Era Veterans back into the mainstream of the labor market; and

***WHEREAS***, the DVOP has continued to change over the past thirty years, with the focus still on the Disabled Veterans, The DVOPs were there for our Disabled and Viet-Nam Era veterans, in the 1990s the program helped to place thousands of veterans in jobs after the Desert Storm military downsizing; And today, in 2007 the DVOPs are again helping our returning disabled and war time veterans to secure jobs and return to their normal lives; and

***WHEREAS***, 2007 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the DVOP, a program that has touched the lives of thousands of veterans across the country, and has become an intricate part of the community by working with other veteran service providers to secure veteran benefits, training, and employment, saving tax payers millions of dollars each year, thus making a difference to veterans, their families; and

***WHEREAS***, in the State of Washington, all state and local agencies are committed to provide priority and quality of services and employment assistance to disabled, eligible veterans and their families;

***NOW, THEREFORE***, I, Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington do hereby recognize and proclaim November 2007, as

### ***The 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Disabled Veteran Outreach Program***

and I urge all citizens to join the City in this special observance.

***SIGNED*** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007

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Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor