



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our children represent our most important resource as future decision makers and citizens; and

WHEREAS, our children, through family, school, work and community, are an integral part of the quality of life we enjoy here in the Pacific Northwest; and

WHEREAS, businesses, organizations and individuals in Kitsap County provide much needed help and support for our children and youth in their growth and development; and

WHEREAS, the more positive community assets young people and children experience, the more likely they are to engage in positive behaviors; and

WHEREAS by communicating effectively with young people we are reminded of their value in the community we share; and

WHEREAS, Kitsap Cares About Kids is a public awareness campaign to acknowledge and expand the efforts of organizations, individuals and businesses that support youth in Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Cares About Kids project is based on the Search Institute's developmental assets, positive qualities that help young people grow up healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Kitsap Cares About Kids supports a community where all young people know they are valued, have hope for the future, and possess the resources to achieve their goals;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of Bainbridge Island, Washington, I do hereby recognize of the importance of young people and children in our community and proclaim support of the

Kitsap Cares About Kids Public Awareness Campaign

SIGNED this 15th day of October 2007

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Darlene Kordonowy, Mayor