

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring Friday, June 22, 2001, as National Small Cities "Investing In Communities" Day.

WHEREAS, small cities under 50,000 population constitute the vast majority of cities across the United States; and

WHEREAS, small cities provide opportunities which allow millions of people across America to lead better lives; and

WHEREAS, small cities invest in their communities through the provision of services and programs which improve the quality of life for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is a partner in investing in small cities, and must be encouraged to continue to sponsor necessary programs and supportive legislation to improve communities; and

WHEREAS, state governments are partners in investing in small cities, and must be encouraged to continue to sponsor necessary programs and supportive legislation to improve communities; and

WHEREAS, organizations, businesses and citizens are partners in investing in small cities, and must be encouraged to continue to support efforts that make their communities better places in which to live; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities have declared June 22, 2001, as National Small Cities "Investing in Communities" Day; and

WHEREAS, the Small Cities Council of the National League of Cities has challenged all cities, towns and villages across America to proclaim June 22, 2001, as National Small Cities "Investing in Communities" Day, and to conduct activities - such as news conferences, public service announcements and events in local schools and community centers - on that day which highlight the different ways in which the federal government, state governments, organizations, businesses and citizens partner with small cities to invest in their communities and better the lives of all citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bainbridge Island, do hereby proclaim Friday, June 22, 2001 as National Small Cities "Investing in Communities" Day, and encourages President Bush, Congress, state governments, organizations, businesses and all citizens to recognize this event, and to work together on this day and throughout the year to invest in small cities to better the lives of all citizens.

DWIGHT SUTTON, Mayor