

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION of the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, declaring the third week of September, 2001, as Bainbridge Island Payroll Week.

WHEREAS, the American Payroll Association and its 20,000 members have launched a nationwide public awareness campaign that pays tribute to the more than 130 million people who work in the United States and the payroll professionals who support the American system by paying wages, reporting worker earnings and withholding federal employment taxes; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals on Bainbridge Island, Washington, play a key role in maintaining Bainbridge Island's economic health, carrying out such diverse tasks as paying into the unemployment insurance system, providing information for child support enforcement and carrying out tax withholding, reporting and depositing and

WHEREAS, payroll departments collectively spend more than \$15 billion annually complying with a myriad of federal and state wage and tax laws; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals play an increasingly important role ensuring the economic security of American families by helping to identify non-custodial parents and making sure they comply with their child support mandates; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals have become increasingly proactive in educating both the business community and the public at large about the payroll tax withholding systems; and

WHEREAS, payroll professionals meet regularly with federal and state tax officials to discuss both improving compliance with government procedures and how compliance can be achieved at less cost to both government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the week of September 3 - 7, 2001, has been proclaimed National Payroll Week,

I, Dwight Sutton, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, do proclaim the third week of September to be Payroll Week on Bainbridge Island and give additional support to the efforts of the people who work on Bainbridge Island, Washington in the payroll profession.

SIGNED this 16th day of August, 2001.

DWIGHT SUTTON, Mayor