

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION of the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Affirming the City's commitment to support programs and principles that will stop that violence and promote understanding of the values Communities achieve by promoting multi-ethnic and multi-cultural diversity.

WHEREAS, activities, organizations, or philosophies fostering prejudice and discrimination based on differences in nationality, color, gender, disability, religious creed, economic status, or sexual orientation create a climate of hate; and

WHEREAS, hate is a vehicle for inciting and promoting violence; and

WHEREAS, hate violence is brutal and terroristic behavior, intended to inflict unwarranted pain, suffering and/or death; and

WHEREAS, such forms of violence are cruel exercises of power and domination over groups or individuals; and

WHEREAS, hate violence not only destroys individuals' lives, health, and well-being but also diminishes our entire community; and

WHEREAS, the city of Bainbridge Island is a community that is tolerant of many diverse cultures and ethnic groups; and

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WHEREAS, throughout its history, the City has supported and pursued justice and equality for all persons, regardless of age, color, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, economic status, religious creed or disability; and

WHEREAS, the City supports actions that protect its citizens from the consequences of hate derived from discrimination, racism and prejudice of all forms; and

WHEREAS, a campaign to heal the societal wounds generated by hate violence is desirable and necessary; now, therefore,

I, DWIGHT SUTTON, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND proclaim October 7, 1999, as "Stop the Hate" Day and further proclaim that the national campaign to stop the hate is a vital program that touches the problems faced by this community. Our progress as humanity demands attention and sustained participation in programs of this type.

I further proclaim that the Bainbridge Island Interfaith Vigil to be held on October 7, 1999, at Waterfront Park (7:00 – 8:00) is a significant event for this community and urge the participation of all residents in the vigil.

DWIGHT SUTTON, Mayor