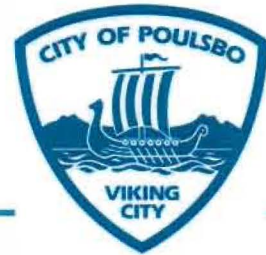


# City of Poulsbo

Office of Mayor Kathryn Quade



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) is a serious, national public health issue affecting at least 5.3 million American citizens who now live with disabilities resulting from brain injuries and, of the 1.5 million people annually who sustain TBI, 50,000 will die while an additional 80,000 will experience the onset of life-long disabilities as a result of their injuries; and

**WHEREAS,** TBI is often called the “silent disability” because the problems that result from the injuries, such as impaired memory, are not immediately visible; and

**WHEREAS,** the mission of the Brain Injury Association of America is to create a better future through brain injury prevention, research, education and advocacy; and

**WHEREAS,** the Brain Injury Association of America, the National Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the Defense Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program for Veterans and Military Personnel, the Washington Protection and Advocacy Systems and the Brain Injury Association of Washington strive to provide a better future for TBI patients through prevention, research, education and advocacy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rebecca Erickson, Mayor of the City of Poulsbo, Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2010:**

### Brain Injury Awareness Month

In the City of Poulsbo, and I call upon all government agencies, health organizations, communications media and citizens of Poulsbo to observe this month with appropriate recognition.



Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February 2010

  
REBECCA ERICKSON, MAYOR