



## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor to a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States and is the leading cause of death and disability in children and young adults; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Brain Injury Association of America, each year an estimated 2.4 million children and adults in the United States sustain a traumatic brain injury (TBI) and another 795,000 individuals sustain an acquired brain injury (ABI) from nontraumatic causes. TBIs can affect the functionality of the brain – affecting thinking, reasoning and memory; and

**WHEREAS**, most traumatic brain injuries could be prevented with the top causes including, falls, car crashes, struck by/against events, and assaults; and

**WHEREAS**, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of war, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, because of a lack of awareness about brain injury and the difficulty of diagnosing brain injury, many persons with brain injury live for years without recognizing and dealing with their injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, early, equal and adequate access to care greatly increases the overall quality of life and will enable individuals to return to home, school, work and community; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Washington established the Washington Traumatic Brain Injury Strategic Partnership Advisory Council to create a comprehensive plan to help individuals with traumatic brain injuries meet their needs; and

**WHEREAS**, March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness Month to promote public awareness of the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of brain injury;

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Kol Medina, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2018 as

### **BRAIN INJURY AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Bainbridge Island and encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance.

**SIGNED** this 13th day of March, 2018.

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Kol Medina, Mayor