



**City of
Langley**

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of January, 2012 marked the 11th anniversary of National Mentoring Month; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the individuals who dedicate themselves to serving as mentors and to making a difference in the lives of young South Whidbey residents; and

WHEREAS, we underscore our commitment to supporting these dedicated community members; and

WHEREAS, every day, these volunteers from many different backgrounds work to inspire our next generation by sharing their time and experiences with students in our South Whidbey schools and the community; and

WHEREAS, mentors help instill important values that encourage our youth to set high goals and achieve their dreams; and

WHEREAS, mentors demonstrate that the strength of our community lies in the hearts and souls of our residents and that a positive influence in someone's life helps them secure a more hopeful future;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Larry Kwarsick, Mayor of the City of Langley, Washington State, United States of America, do hereby proclaim our deep appreciation to the members of the

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County

and I call upon the people of South Whidbey to recognize the importance of mentoring and to look for opportunities to serve as mentors in their communities.

Signed this 17th day of January, 2012

Mayor Larry Kwarsick