

CITY OF BELLEVUE

COMMENDATION

Whereas; In 1999, Cascade Water Alliance formed to provide clean, safe and reliable water to its almost 400,000 residents and more than 22,000 businesses; and

Whereas; Cascade is a nonprofit corporation that includes the cities of Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah, Kirkland and Tukwila, the Covington Water District and the Sammamish Plateau and Skyway Water and Sewer Districts; and

Whereas; Cascade has successfully met its initial mission of ensuring the availability of clean, safe water for East and South King County communities, and planning for future water supply for our children and grandchildren is underway; and

Whereas; Cascade's accomplishments were made possible in part through regional partnerships with Seattle and Tacoma; and

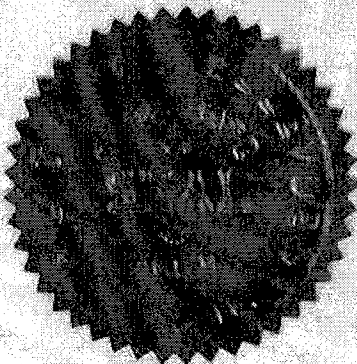
Whereas; Cascade's vision of a future water supply has led to its purchase of Lake Tapps from Puget Sound Energy, historic agreements with the Muckleshoot and Puyallup Tribes, and an agreement with the Lake Tapps community, all of which will provide for the protection of fish, habitat, stream flows, recreation and municipal water supply; and


Whereas; Cascade Water Alliance is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

Now therefore, I, Grant S. Degginger, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, and on behalf of the Bellevue City Council, do, this 18th day of **May, 2009**, hereby commend

CASCADE WATER ALLIANCE

for ensuring clean, safe and reliable water for future generations through regional partnerships and innovative solutions.





Grant S. Degginger
Mayor