

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:*** Bellevue is a community in which 14% of its residents are 65 years of age and older; and
- Whereas:*** Older adults in Bellevue and throughout the US are a growing population with evolving needs; and
- Whereas:*** Older adults are valuable members of our society who are rich with experience and deserving of our respect; and
- Whereas:*** The number of baby boomers reaching traditional retirement age continues to increase, a fact that spotlights the need for increased attention to the needs of older adults; and
- Whereas:*** The older adults of today and tomorrow promise to be among the most active and engaged older adult populations in our Nation's history; and
- Whereas:*** It is the responsibility of this and all communities to work together to prepare for the growing older adult population, and make our communities "aging friendly"; and
- Whereas:*** The President of the United States has designated the month of May as *Older Americans Month* and the theme "*Older Americans: Connecting the Community*", and

Now, therefore, I, Don Davidson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2011** as:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

in Bellevue, and urge all residents to take the time to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members, and people who care for them. In addition, I urge everyone to work collaboratively to strengthen the Bellevue community for its older adults in ways that recognize the changing nature of their needs, and that provide older adults with more opportunities to make informed choices about their lives. Together our efforts can improve the lives of our older adults and help pave the way for future generations.

Don Davidson
Mayor

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Whereas: The Salvation Army Bell Ringers will be manning their traditional kettles at locations across the Eastside through Christmas Eve; and

Whereas: Donations collected in the kettles provide the Eastside Salvation Army with one of its largest single funding sources and allow it to carry out its mission of *Doing the Greatest Good* throughout the rest of the year; and

Whereas: The Salvation Army has, for more than a 100 years, assisted men and women to overcome alcohol and drug dependencies; given a hand up to families during the holidays; visited and ministered to seniors, the ill, and the incarcerated; offered safe haven to those fleeing domestic abuse; cared for disadvantaged youth; and provided emergency housing when needed; and

Whereas: All funds collected by Eastside Bell Ringers remain in the Salvation Army's Eastside Service Area to assist local residents in times of need;

Now, therefore, I, Donald Davidson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its Councilmembers, do hereby proclaim **November 25th - December 24th 2011**, as

***EASTSIDE SALVATION ARMY
BELL RINGER SEASON***

in Bellevue, and encourage all citizens to honor the dedication and service of the Salvation Army by generously donating to the kettles throughout the Bellevue area.

Donald Davidson, DDS
Mayor