

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish, formed in 1999, led by Providence Regional Medical Center Everett, is a county organization dedicated to the prevention of unintentional childhood injuries; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish focuses on the problem that more children, ages 14 and under, die from preventable accidents, such as motor-vehicle crashes, fires, drowning and other injuries than from any other natural causes; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish is one of more than 300 coalitions active in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and 16 other countries; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish County is comprised of local members – including but not limited to Providence Everett, Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, local fire and police agencies, YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Roy Robinson Chevrolet, Parks and Recreation and State Farm Insurance; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish promotes changes in attitude, behavior and environment; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish is recognized by parents and caregivers as a credible, passionate, collaborative and practical source of safety information and has been responsible for the distribution and custom fit of thousands of bicycle helmets, car seats and personal flotation devices to families; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish, with the support of Safe Kids Worldwide , Safe Kids Washington and founding sponsor Johnson & Johnson, is launching “Raising Safe Kids: One Stage at a Time”; and

WHEREAS, Safe Kids Snohomish is planning special childhood injury prevention activities and community events for Safe Kids Week, in an effort to educate and inform families about summer safety, with the main event to be held May 2 at the Everett Mall.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim April 26 through May 3, 2009 as

SAFE KIDS SNOHOMISH COUNTY WEEK

and encourage citizens to gain awareness on how to keep our children safe.

Signed this 21st day of April, 2009

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive