

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs International was founded in Chicago in the year 1917 and whose vision is “to be the global leader in community and humanitarian service; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs in Snohomish County have been active contributors to the local community since 1920; and

WHEREAS, in 1969 Lions Clubs around the region banded together to establish the Northwest Lions Eye Bank and in 1979 were asked by the Lions International President to extend their special sight mission to help those who are deaf or hard of hearing; and

WHEREAS, in 2008 SightLife was established as the parent organization of both the Northwest Lions Foundation for Sight & Hearing and AUDIENT, bringing together two Lions Club nonprofits dedicated to sight and hearing programs; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Snohomish County depend upon Lions Club for free and low cost hearing aids, eyesight screening, preventative education and health clinics, service dogs and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Lions SightFirst grants have provided more than 7.3 million cataract surgeries worldwide and prevented serious vision loss for 27 million people; and

WHEREAS, Lions Clubs in Snohomish County make a valuable contribution to the citizens of our region through their work to assist those with vision and hearing deficiencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2009 as

Snohomish County Lions Clubs Sight and Hearing Month

and encourage citizens to learn more about proper eyesight and hearing screening.

Signed this 29th day of April, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Aaron G. Reardon". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive