PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Cancer is a group of diseases characterized by uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells which, if not controlled, can result in death, and

WHEREAS, the National Cancer Institute estimated that 562,340 deaths were expected to occur in 2009 in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimated that 32,290 new cases of invasive cancer would be diagnosed in 2009 in Washington State, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society estimates that one in three people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime and,

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society is a voluntary community based health organization in the State of Washington dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem, and

WHEREAS, the PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE CAMPAIGN is an endeavor to heighten the awareness of our citizens to the importance of joining the American Cancer Society Relay as they strive to promote awareness about cancer at the Annual Relay for Life of the Upper Kittitas County, and

WHEREAS, The American Cancer Society recognizes that cancer does not discriminate and that it knows no boundaries, and

WHEREAS, the Relay for Life is a community affair held throughout the State of Washington which represents an opportunity to network with business associates, family and friends celebrate the lives of those who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost to the disease, and fight back, and

WHEREAS, the American Cancer Society believes that Relay for Life is a moving celebration of cancer survivorship with all of our citizens joining together to help find a cure!

NOW THEREFORE, be it proclaimed that I as Mayor and the Cle Elum City Council do hereby proclaim May 7th as PAINT THE TOWN PURPLE DAY throughout Cle Elum and urge all citizens to recognize and participate in the Relay for Life events held in our community.

Charles J. Glondo, Mayor