

Proclamation

WHEREAS, homeownership strengthens families, stabilizes neighborhoods, builds communities, and promotes personal well-being; and

WHEREAS, homeownership fosters economic prosperity for families and communities and generates economic growth; and

WHEREAS, the Homeownership Center of Tacoma is actively engaged in increasing homeownership opportunities for the people of Tacoma and is doing so through counseling and building affordable homes in the Hilltop and Eastside neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Homeownership Center of Tacoma has completed 130 homes and continues to complete 15 to 20 new homes each year for low-income, first-time homebuyers; and

WHEREAS, the Homeownership Center of Tacoma was awarded the prestigious organizational Friend of Housing award by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission in 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Tacoma Consortium has been presented the Doorknocker Award by the Department of Housing and Urban Development for supporting the activities of the Homeownership Center of Tacoma;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL BAARSMA, Mayor of the City of Tacoma, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of February 13, 2005 as

HOMEOWNERSHIP WEEK

in the City of Tacoma and I urge all citizens to recognize this special observance with appropriate ceremonies and activities.



WITNESS, THEREFORE, MY HAND
AND THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE
CITY OF TACOMA, WASHINGTON
This 15th day of February 2005.


BILL BAARSMA
Mayor

