



Dalby Waterwheel Week Proclamation

WHEREAS, Edwin Dalby built the Dalby Waterwheel in 1922 with the assistance of his father, William Dalby, who were early pioneers of Union; and

WHEREAS, the waterwheel was the first hydroelectric plant in the Hood Canal area creating electricity for the main house and 13 cabins until the 1940's when the PUD brought services to the property; and

WHEREAS, after the PUD brought services to the property, the waterwheel's electricity-producing days ended but the wheel continued to turn throughout the years providing enjoyment to passersby from all over the world; and

WHEREAS, the Dalby Waterwheel has been featured in many publications through the years and the historical value of the waterwheel is evident; and

WHEREAS, with the realignment of State Route 106, the waterwheel is no longer accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, Marilyn Dalby, the current property owner, wishes to correct the situation by generously donating, to the Hood Canal Improvement Club, not only the waterwheel but a portion of her property that abuts the new location of State Route 106 so that the waterwheel can be moved to this new site; and

WHEREAS, the Hood Canal Improvement Club intends to raise funds to move the waterwheel to this new site and upon completion of the project, the Club will register the waterwheel as a historical site and will provide for its maintenance; and

WHEREAS, fundraising efforts are now underway and the Hood Canal Improvement Club will also host a mid-summer barbecue on the green at the Robin Hood Village in Union on July 30th.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Mason County Commissioners does hereby proclaim the week of July 24-31, 2005 as

DALBY WATERWHEEL WEEK

and encourages all citizens to support this project so that the community and visitors may once again enjoy the special beauty of Mason County's signature landmark.

Dated this 19th day of July, 2005.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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