

# PRESS RELEASE

## Mayor Proclaims Olympic Day and Citywide Celebration

**EVERETT, June 15, 2009:** Mayor Ray Stephanson to announce June 23 as Olympic Day at the Olympic Day Celebration to be held at the Everett Skate Deck at 3:45pm immediately following the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish County Fun Skate with extended invitation to the general public. The US Olympic Committee is currently working with community representatives of Everett to provide an Olympic/Paralympian speaker for the event.

This will be citywide as special event featuring Mayor Stephanson's proclamation and a guest speaker providing a presentation on one of the four Olympic ideals; fair play, perseverance, respect and sportsmanship. The event will end with photo opportunities of the Mayor, guest athlete and crowd with the USA 5 ring Olympic and 2016 Chicago Olympic flags.

At the urging of Chicago Mayor Richard Daley during the U.S. Conference of Mayors in January in Washington, D.C., Mayor Ray Stephanson joined with fellow mayors across the country in a collective pledge of support for hosting the Olympic Games in Chicago in 2016. Today's mayoral proclamation and the community's cooperative celebration with other cities will send a clear message to the International Olympic Committee that our city and the United States of America support the Chicago 2016 bid for the Olympic Games. An announcement of the site for the 2016 Olympic Games is forthcoming in October 2009.

Olympic Day is a worldwide commemoration of Baron Pierre de Coubertin's June 23, 1894, convening of the first International Olympic Committee (IOC) meeting at the Sorbonne in Paris, and the founding of the Modern Olympic Games. National Olympic Committees (NOCs) throughout the world will also participate in the international celebration, with each Olympic Committee sending Olympic Day greetings to participating nations.

<b>WHAT:</b>	<b>Olympic Day event</b>	
<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>June 23, 2009</b>	<b>3:45pm – 4:45pm</b>
<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>Everett Skate Deck</b>	