



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS; Pickleball, a combination of tennis, badminton and ping-pong, was invented on Bainbridge Island, WA in 1965; and

WHEREAS; Whatcom County recognizes the importance of Pickleball as the fastest growing sport in North America, with more than 3 million of all ages now playing; and

WHEREAS; Pickleball is an intergenerational, low impact, competitive sport that is easy to learn, inexpensive to play and promotes camaraderie, teamwork, kindness and enjoyment for individuals and the community as a whole; and

WHEREAS; Renowned Pickleball Pros & Teachers Tyson McGuffin, the #1 Pickleball Singles player in the world and Matt Goebel, a native of Bellingham and 2018 Tournament of Champions Gold Medalist with Tyson in Men's Doubles, will be conducting boot camps February 4-10 at the Birch Bay Activity Center; and

WHEREAS; everyone in Whatcom County is invited to come out for the complimentary Pickleball Community Event, "How Pickleball Builds Health & Community" with Tyson McGuffin and Matt Goebel on February 7, 2019 from 5-9 pm at Birch Bay Activity Center, offering Pickleball drills, tips and Q&A, plus opportunity to play with the pros; and

WHEREAS; Pickleball volunteers and enthusiasts share their joy of having fun, building health, and experiencing community through Pickleball.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim February 4-10, 2019 to be

WHATCOM COUNTY PICKLEBALL WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County

Signed this 14th day of January, 2019


Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Jack Louws, County Executive
County of Whatcom

