



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, equal justice is a cornerstone of our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, our laws guarantee basic legal rights and protections to all, not just those who can afford a lawyer; and

**WHEREAS**, since 1987 thousands of local attorneys, legal staff and others have donated millions of dollars and time and resources to provide free civil legal help to thousands of their fellow community members through LAW Advocates (originally known as the Whatcom County Volunteer Program); and

**WHEREAS**, LAW Advocates programs such as Street Law, the Tenant Clinic, the Domestic Violence/Parenting Plan Clinic, the Kinship Custody Clinic, the Homeless/Disability Clinic, Access ID and pro bono direct representation, have become institutions in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, LAW Advocates has earned its reputation as one of the most successful and best supported volunteer lawyer programs across the state and beyond.

**NOW THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim January 31, 2017,

## LAW ADVOCATES DAY

In Bellingham and commend LAW Advocates on its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of promoting equal justice by providing civil legal assistance to the low-income residents of our community.



Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham