



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Bellingham Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) began in September 1918, and has been in continuous existence since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW, the Bellingham Branch has 78 members living in Whatcom County and is part of a national organization that has 170,000 members; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW advances gender equity through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW in principle and in practice values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, religious beliefs, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or socioeconomic status; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW, Bellingham Branch promotes education and equity of girls and women through programs aimed at middle school aged girls and high school juniors encouraging STEM education, as well as providing scholarships for women attending our three local colleges and one university; and

**WHEREAS**, AAUW members actively engage in community events promoting our goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim October 13, 2018, to be

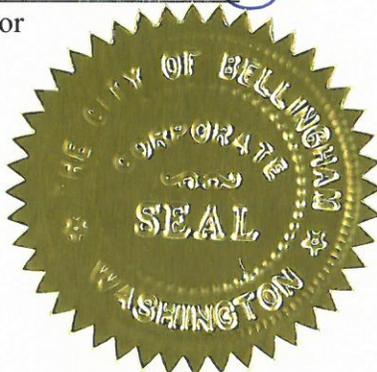
### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, BELLINGHAM BRANCH DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and celebrate 100 years of promoting education and equity for girls and women.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018

Handwritten signature of Kelli Linville in blue ink.

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham



Handwritten signature of Jack Louws in blue ink.

Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

