



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Friends of the Bellingham Public Library is an all-volunteer non-profit organization, dedicated to their mission of supporting and advocating for our library; and

**WHEREAS**, the Friends raise money for library needs, sponsor programs for all ages, encourage community support for the library, and support literacy by making free reading materials available and offering inexpensive materials at regular book sales; and

**WHEREAS**, our Friends' long-time support of the Bellingham Public Library is an example of the vital role volunteers play in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, our Friends' dedication is a demonstration of their commitment to the library and the library's mission to connect our community with each other and the world, providing opportunities to read, learn, meet and discover; and

**WHEREAS**, our Friends in recent years have funded adult and children's books, summer reading programs, Whatcom READS! and other special events, online language-learning subscriptions and other online services, furnishings and audio visual improvements in library facilities, and much more; and

**WHEREAS**, many improvements and enhancements in our library have only been possible because of the support provided by our Friends; and

**WHEREAS**, we are joining libraries across the nation in celebrating their strongest and most dedicated supporters -- their Friends organizations -- during National Friends of Libraries Week, October 15-21, 2017 and throughout October 2017.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Mayor Kelli Linville, proclaim the week of October 15-21, 2017 as:

### **NATIONAL FRIENDS OF LIBRARIES WEEK**

in the City of Bellingham, Washington, and urges everyone to join in thanking them for all they do for our community.



Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelli Linville".

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham