



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bellingham, Washington has drawn many residents who were attracted to the natural beauty of the area, and our lovely historical Fairhaven District draws countless visitors each year, supporting our local economy, and

WHEREAS, Americans are justly proud of the natural beauty of our country, our National Park system has been called “America’s best idea,” and our own North Cascades National Park is one of the most beautiful of all parks, and, includes Mt. Baker, the most prominent landmark seen from Bellingham, and

WHEREAS, studies show that beautiful surroundings and graceful urban design call us to awe and stewardship, reduce polarization and anger, make us kinder and less aggressive, awaken generosity in our hearts, and move us toward justice, and

WHEREAS, studies show that beautiful urban surroundings encourage people to walk more and drive less, reducing our carbon emissions, and

WHEREAS, studies also show that nature, parks and green space improve both health and happiness and a growing population will have need for more of them, and

WHEREAS, we believe beautiful places to live, work and play should be a birthright of all Americans, no matter their origin or income, and

WHEREAS, we understand that beautiful communities attract economic investment and build social connection, and recognize the importance of environmental stewardship and restoration, and

WHEREAS, we remember times in our history—the 1930s and 1960s—when national programs put unemployed Americans to work restoring and beautifying our land, and

WHEREAS, we recognize October 2, 2018 as the 50th anniversary of the signing of four “beauty bills” that have enhanced American life—the North Cascades National Park and Redwoods National Park Acts and the Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Scenic Trails Acts—with all but the Redwoods providing examples near Bellingham,

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim October 2, 2018,

AND BEAUTY FOR ALL DAY

In Bellingham and ask for a renewed commitment to conserving, restoring and enhancing beautiful surroundings for all Americans.



Signed this 29th day of January, 2018

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham