



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## **MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, October 21-22, 2017 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'i Faith; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh called for fellowship and collaboration among the followers of all religions; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh affirmed the equality of women and men; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh taught that humanity is one family and called for the elimination of racism and racial prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh declared that universal education is required for societies to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh called for limits on extremes of poverty and wealth; and

**WHEREAS**, Bahá'u'lláh urged the leaders of the world to abandon their nationalistic rivalries and create a system of collective security; and

**WHEREAS**, The wide gap between these ideals and the state of the world calls for people of all faiths and no faith to rise above narrow partisanship and work together for human understanding and peace.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim October 21-22, 2017 to be

### **BICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH DAYS**

In the City of Bellingham, Washington. In recognition of the significance of this bicentenary, I urge all citizens to work for the realization of the principles of peace, justice and human solidarity promoted by Bahá'u'lláh.

Signed this 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham