



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, October 21-22, 2017 marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the founder of the Bahá'í 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 27th day of July, 2017

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham