



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Bellingham North West Wine Festival (BNWWF) is an annual wine tasting event held in the first week of August. This event will draw hundreds of tourists to Bellingham. Event participants and vendors include Washington, British Columbia, Oregon and Idaho wineries, local restaurants and Bellingham hotels; and

**WHEREAS** BNWWF is a volunteer driven event and proceeds raised from the event will fund Brigadoon Service Dogs Veteran's Programs and Growing Veterans. Volunteers from Brigadoon Service Dogs and Growing Veterans staff are involved with the festival management, organization, production and execution and will be paid by their respective organizations; and

**WHEREAS** August 4, 2016 BNWWF will start with the Whatcom Wine Trail tour that will include all participating Whatcom County wineries and distilleries. August 5<sup>th</sup> will be the six course Gold Medal Dinner at Giuseppe's Al Porto, August 6<sup>th</sup> will be the main event, the public tasting from 6-10 p.m. in the grand ballroom at Four Points Sheraton Hotel. The event will conclude with the celebration brunch at Four Point Sheraton's Chinuk restaurant on August 7<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** BNWWF wine competition judging will occur the first week of July 2016. The panel judges will be comprised of local chefs, wine industry professionals and wine enthusiasts. Judges will use the UC Davis 20-Point Wine Score System, which supports the credibility of this wine industry event. Awards will be presented during the public wine tasting event on August 6<sup>th</sup>; and

**WHEREAS** the community-based and consumer friendly structure of the event makes it notably unique amongst northwest festivals, and the only one of its kind in the region. Select event locations, presentations and organized activities are designed to emphasize Bellingham's multifaceted tourism, agriculture and art cultures.

**NOW THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim August 1-7, 2016, to be

## BELLINGHAM WINE WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.



Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham