



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** on September 30, 1983, Sacred Heart Parish welcomed two Polish families seeking political asylum through World Relief into their faith community, and

**WHEREAS** when the Polish refugee families arrived in Bellingham they had only two suitcases each, with nothing else in order to set up a home or make themselves comfortable; and

**WHEREAS** Sheila Siebert and Father Ritter of the Sacred Heart Parish reached out to their faith community and asked for donations to care for and support the refugees; and

**WHEREAS** the Sacred Heart Parish members came forward with a variety of donations of household goods, clothing and a vehicle; and

**WHEREAS** the Polish community has expressed deep appreciation for the love and solidarity that they have for each other and for the Sacred Heart Parish; and

**WHEREAS** the Polish community will be offering the Icon of Saint John Paul II and the Relic of Saint John Paul II to give thanks to the members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church; and

**NOW THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 24, 2016, to be

## SACRED HEART POLISH COMMUNITY APPRECIATION DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.



Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2016

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham