



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the City of Bellingham sought proposals to establish a new signature event for our community to encourage commerce, maximize national and regional exposure and to enhance the existing quality of life for residents; and

WHEREAS the Bellingham SeaFeast proposal rose to the top of the selection process due to the overwhelming support of the individuals and families who make up the maritime and commercial fishing industry in Bellingham; and

WHEREAS the commercial fishing industry is alive and well in Whatcom County, providing 1,781 direct jobs earning \$94.5 million in wages, as well as countless indirect jobs generated by the purchases of products and services by the commercial fishing industry; and

WHEREAS representatives from the commercial fishing and seafood industry, Port of Bellingham, City of Bellingham, The Bellingham Whatcom Chamber of Commerce, Allied Arts of Whatcom County, Lummi Nation, as well as numerous proactive citizens, organizations and businesses helped to organize Bellingham SeaFeast events; and

WHEREAS this year's event marks the first annual Bellingham SeaFeast, a showcase event for our community to come together to celebrate our maritime heritage through one-of-a-kind experiences involving food, music, film, art, poetry, and more!

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim October 1, 2016, to be

BELLINGHAM SEAFEAST DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 26th Day of September, 2016



Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham