



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 691 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social and recreational circles of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995, the Buddy Walk of Whatcom County is coordinated by Down Syndrome Outreach, a program of the Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these accomplishments of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

**WHEREAS**, the activities of the Buddy Walk will help promote programs and issues regarding education, advocacy, awareness and inclusion;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do we, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of October to be:

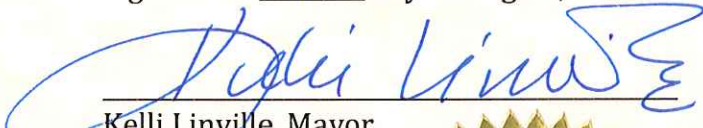
### DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

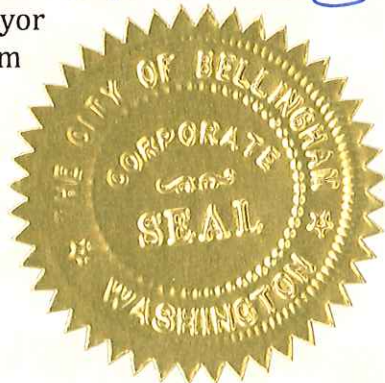
And October 1, 2016 as:

### DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham



  
Jack Louws, Executive  
Whatcom County

