



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SETH FLEETWOOD

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, According to the CDC, 1 in 8 couples have trouble getting pregnant or sustaining a pregnancy; and

WHEREAS, The World Health Organization and American Medical Association define infertility as a disease; and

WHEREAS, Infertility affects women and men equally and does not discriminate based on race, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or socioeconomical level; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ community also faces challenges when building their families; and

WHEREAS, All people challenged in their family building journey should have access to all family building options; and

WHEREAS, Family building options include adoption and medical treatment, such as in vitro fertilization and third-party reproduction; and

WHEREAS, Cost and lack of insurance coverage are barriers for many in our city to access the family building option they need; and

WHEREAS, Raising awareness of infertility and the barriers faced by the family building community is the first step to removing these barriers; and

WHEREAS, Bellingham joins RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association and dedicated volunteers, health care professionals and members of the infertility and family building community by bringing awareness to infertility.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim April 18-21, 2021 as

NATIONAL INFERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.



Signed this 7th day of April 2021,

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham