



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, administrative professionals, including secretaries, administrative assistants, executive assistants, office managers and other administrative support staff, make up one of the largest segments of the world's workforce; and

WHEREAS, International Association of Administrative Professionals (IAAP) is the acknowledged leader in assigning office professionals with personal and professional growth, and the Bellingham branch is committed to office professionals in our local community through education, programs and networking; and

WHEREAS, in April, IAAP and other members of our community will celebrate the substantial contributions of these dedicated members of our business community; and

WHEREAS, the IAAP chose the theme "We Empower | We Develop | We Progress" for this year; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 68th anniversary of Administrative Professionals Week, formerly known as National Secretaries Week, which was established in 1952 to recognize the contributions of office support staff in business and government and to attract people to those careers; and

WHEREAS, the week of April 20 through April 24 has been designated Administrative Professionals' Week by the International Association of Administrative Professionals, its founder and sponsor.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim the week of April 20-24, 2020 to be

ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONALS' WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and ask that management in our community join in recognizing these outstanding professionals in their employ.

Signed this 16th day of March 2020

Handwritten signature of Seth Fleetwood in blue ink.

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Satpal Singh Sidhu in blue ink.

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County

