CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and State's heritage of justice, liberty, and equality under the law; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has statutorily designated May 1 as the annual day for commemoration of Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the American Bar Association has designated the 2017 Law Day theme to be "The Fourteenth Amendment: Transforming American Democracy" in recognition of the numerous contributions to American law and society of one of the most often cited constitutional enactments; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment in the nearly century and a half that has elapsed since its ratification, has greatly expanded the constitutional protections available to all through its clauses guaranteeing due process and equal protection; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment has served as the vehicle by which many of the protections in the Bill of Rights have been found to be enforceable against state and local government actions that infringe upon fundamental liberties; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment constitutionally defined national citizenship for the first time and guaranteed that the privileges or immunities of United States citizenship would not be denied to any individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment has served as the basis of and inspiration for landmark civil rights legislation and court decisions protecting and advancing the rights of Americans; and

WHEREAS, promoting public understanding of the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the State of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Law Day, May 1, 2017, will be commemorated in the City of Bellingham with middle school and high school students participating in a program at Bellingham Municipal Court.

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 1, 2017, to be

LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 24th day of April, 2017

THE CITY OF BELLINGHAM CORPORATE SEAL WASHINGTON

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham