



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Law Day is, in the words of President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration, a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law”; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Constitution vests legislative, executive, and judicial power in Congress, a President, and one Supreme Court, respectively; and

**WHEREAS**, these three separate branches of the national government share power and each also serves as a check on the power of the others; and

**WHEREAS**, separation of powers provides a framework for freedom, but this framework is not self-executing, as we the people must continually act to ensure that our constitutional democracy endures, preserving our liberties and guaranteeing our rights; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2018 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the separation of powers as fundamental to our constitutional purpose and to consider how our governmental system is working for ourselves and our posterity; and

**WHEREAS**, Law Day, May 1, 2018, 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, 2018 to be

## LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2018



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelli Linville".

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham