



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Law Day is a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

WHEREAS, the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;” and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society.

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to be

LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 22nd day of April, 2019



Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham