



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KIM LUND

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1958 President Eisenhower proclaimed Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, and in 1961 Congress issued a joint resolution declaring May 1, Law Day; and

WHEREAS, the theme for 2024 Law Day is Voices of Democracy; and

WHEREAS, despite more than two centuries of progress, our democracy remains imperfect; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, the United States was listed as a “backsliding democracy” in a prominent international report. Still today, many Americans say they do not intend to vote, or believe that their votes do not matter, or are afraid to speak their minds or be who they are for fear of being ostracized or even harmed; and

WHEREAS, members of the legal profession should lead the way in promoting democracy by taking individual responsibility not only to speak up and vote, but also to find the courage to listen, to respect and to agree on paths forward toward a more perfect union; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all Americans to participate in the 2024 elections by deepening their understanding of the electoral process; discussing issues in honest and civil ways; turning out to vote; and, finally, helping to move the country forward after free and fair elections.

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kim Lund, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 1, 2024, to be

LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and urge everyone to observe this day by renewing their commitment to democracy by becoming informed, participating in elections, and holding our elected officials accountable.

Signed the 1st of April 2024

Kim Lund, Mayor
City of Bellingham

