



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
SETH FLEETWOOD

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Mitochondria are part of every cell in the body that contains genetic material; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitochondria are responsible for processing oxygen and converting substances from the foods we eat into energy for essential cell functions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mitochondria disease, the body's inability to turn food into the energy to sustain life, can cause a wide range of health issues including seizures, low blood counts, blindness, deafness, dementia, heart failure, progressive muscle weakness; and

**WHEREAS**, Symptoms of Mitochondrial Disease can appear at any age, and can significantly compromise levels of affected individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, While no cure exists, early diagnosis and treatment can help reduce symptoms, and delay or prevent the progression of the disease; and

**WHEREAS**, The goal of the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation is "to promote research and education for the diagnosis, treatment and cure of Mitochondrial disorders and to provide support to affected individuals and families."

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the week of September 13-19, 2020 to be

### MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2020



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seth Fleetwood".

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor  
City of Bellingham