



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Among the 10 leading causes of death, suicide is the only one that continues to be on the rise; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide is currently the third leading cause of death among young people age 15 to 24; and

**WHEREAS**, In Whatcom County alone, 2 out of 30 students of an average 10<sup>th</sup> grade classroom attempted suicide last year; and

**WHEREAS**, 20% of nation's suicide deaths are veterans; and

**WHEREAS**, 85-95% who survived suicide attempts go on to live healthy lives; and

**WHEREAS**, Suicide deaths are preventable through available awareness programs; and

**WHEREAS**, The stated goal of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention is to reduce suicide deaths by 20% by the year 2025.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 14, 2019 to be

### SUICIDE AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington and urge all citizens to support all local suicide prevention programs in Whatcom County and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.



Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019

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

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham