



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the William Matthews Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1585 Bellingham was chartered July 14, 1928, and has been in continuous service to Veterans and communities since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Post was named for William Matthews, the first US soldier from Whatcom County to die from combat action in WWI; and

**WHEREAS**, William Matthews Post 1585 embodies the Veterans of Foreign Wars motto "No One Does More For Veterans," by providing Relief Fund financial assistance, housing, medical support and food supplies to needy or disabled Veterans of Whatcom County; and

**WHEREAS**, for 90 years William Matthews Post 1585 has provided extensive support to community organizations including Rotary Club, Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troops, American Legion, Elks Club, area nursing homes and rehabilitation facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, William Matthews Post 1585 provides funding support and meeting facilities for other Veteran groups including Whatcom Allied Veterans Council, Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive proclaim July 14, 2018, to be

### WILLIAM MATTHEWS VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS POST 1585 DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and celebrate 90 years of extraordinary service and generosity by all members of this VFW Post for their selfless efforts.

Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2018

Handwritten signature of Kelli Linville in blue ink.

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Jack Louws in blue ink.

Jack Louws, Executive  
Whatcom County

