



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, each September 21, we observe The International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1981 by unanimous United Nations Resolution 36/37, the General Assembly has declared this a day devoted to “commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples;” and

**WHEREAS**, the theme for the 2017 United Nations Peace Day observance is “Together for Peace: Respect, Safety and Dignity for All;” and

**WHEREAS**, The International Day of Peace has been commemorated in the City of Bellingham since 2003 with a community event organized by the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 the Whatcom Peace and Justice Center celebrates 15 years of peace and justice activism and education throughout Whatcom County; and

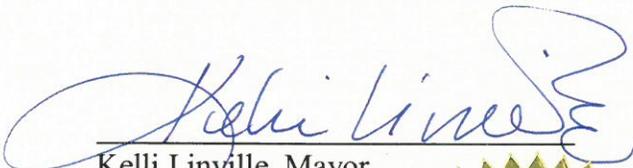
**WHEREAS**, the community is invited to commemorate International Day of Peace with an event on Thursday, September 21 at The Majestic at 1027 North Forest Street starting at 6:00 p.m.

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2017 to be

### INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2017

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

  
Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

