Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, the week of April 5 to 11, 2021 is National Public Health Week; and

WHEREAS, since 1995, National Public Health Week has educated the public, policymakers and public health professionals about issues important to improving the public's health; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals help communities prevent, prepare for, withstand and recover from the impact of a full range of health threats, including disease outbreaks, natural disasters and disasters caused by human activity; and

WHEREAS, public health action, together with scientific and technologic advances, has played a major role in reducing and in some cases eliminating the spread of infectious disease, and in establishing today's disease surveillance and control systems; and

WHEREAS, public health professionals in Whatcom County have expertise in environmental health, community health improvement, epidemiology, health communication, performance management, communicable disease control and prevention, behavioral health, housing, substance use disorder, veterans' services, and developmental disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE do we, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Satpal Sidhu, Executive of Whatcom County, hereby jointly proclaim April 5-11, 2021 to be:

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and call upon the people of Whatcom County to observe this week by helping our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and leaders better understand the value of public health and supporting great opportunities and to celebrate public health's accomplishments.

Signed this 22nd day of March 2021.

Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County