



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KIM LUND

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day was first honored in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland in 1911; and

**WHEREAS**, Each year, on March 8<sup>th</sup>, the U.S. President encourages on all citizens to observe March as National Women's History Month; and

**WHEREAS**, International Women's Day is observed on March 8<sup>th</sup> around the world and provides an opportunity to recognize and reflect on the progress made to advance women's equality, to celebrate the gains made by women in our society and reflect on the challenges and barriers which women continue to face; and

**WHEREAS**, In March, we will celebrate our achievements. Women's access to education, health care and paid labor has improved, and legislation that promises equal opportunities for women and respect for their human rights has been adopted in many countries; and

**WHEREAS**, In March, we also will contemplate those areas of women's lives where more can be done. Until we all work together to secure the rights and full potential of women, lasting solutions to social, economic, and political problems are unlikely to be found; and

**WHEREAS**, Women's History Month addresses the social, economic, and political barriers still facing women and girls while celebrating their achievements and the progress that have been made in support of women's equality.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Kim Lund, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, Washington, do hereby proclaim March 2024 as

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and encourage all citizens to celebrate the achievements of women.



Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024

Kim Lund, Mayor