



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, older Americans are significant members of our society, investing their wisdom and experience to help enrich and better the lives of younger generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bellingham Senior Activity Center has acted as a catalyst for mobilizing the creativity, energy, vitality, and commitment of the older residents of Bellingham, WA and

**WHEREAS**, through the wide array of services, programs, and activities, senior centers empower older citizens of Whatcom County to contribute to their own health and wellbeing and the health and wellbeing of their fellow citizens of all ages; and

**WHEREAS**, the 5 senior centers in Whatcom County affirm the dignity, self-worth, and independence of older persons by facilitating their decisions and actions; tapping their experiences, skills, and knowledge; and enabling their continued contributions to the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do we, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim the month of September to be:

### NATIONAL SENIOR CENTER MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to recognize the special contributions of the senior center participants and the special efforts of the staff and volunteers who work every day to enhance the wellbeing of the older citizens of our community.

Signed this 7th day of August, 2017.

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Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Jack Louws", is written over a horizontal line.

Jack Louws, Executive  
Whatcom County

