



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, each April we observe Workers' Memorial Day as a day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

**WHEREAS**, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered diseases because of exposure to toxic substances or been injured because of dangerous conditions, we rededicate ourselves to the fight for safe workplaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the core theme for Workers' Memorial Day has been "Mourn for the Dead, Fight for the Living;" and

**WHEREAS**, April 28<sup>th</sup> was chosen because it commemorates the anniversary of when the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Workers' Memorial Day is observed in nearly 100 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the Northwest Washington Central Labor Council will have a remembrance ceremony at 12:00 noon at the Worker Memorial Monument on the Bellingham Library Lawn;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim Monday, April 29, 2013 to be

### WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this \_\_\_\_ day of April, 2013.

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

