



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity International was born in 1976 at the Koinonia Farm, a small, interracial, Christian community outside of Americus, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, at Koinonia, founders developed the concept of "partnership housing." The concept centered on those in need of adequate shelter working side-by-side with volunteers to build simple, decent houses; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope, believing that every man, woman and child has a right to decent, safe and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity builds and repairs houses all over the world using volunteer labor and donations; and

WHEREAS, with more than 1,500 local affiliates in the United States and more than 70 national organizations around the world, Habitat for Humanity has helped build or repair over 600,000 houses and served more than 3 million people worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations General Assembly has declared the first Monday in October as World Habitat Day, a time to recognize the basic need for adequate shelter in a world where it is lacking for so many.

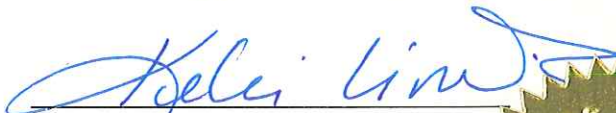
WHEREAS, Habitat for Humanity of Whatcom County joins its affiliates around the world in recognizing and celebrating World Habitat Day on Oct. 7, 2013, drawing attention to the continuing need for affordable housing and inspiring action to address the need.

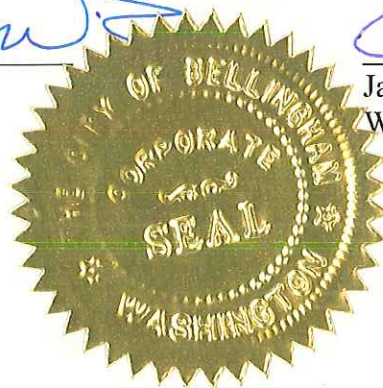
NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim October 7, 2013 to be

WORLD HABITAT DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 27th day of September, 2013.


Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham




Jack Louws, Executive
Whatcom County

