



Proclamation

Whereas, May 8, 2014, marks the centennial of the signing of the Smith-Lever Act, which established Cooperative Extension, the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments, and

Whereas, Cooperative Extension is a critical component of the three-part land-grant university mission and works collaboratively with Washington State University research and academic programs in all 39 counties of Washington State, and

Whereas, the WSU Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and

Whereas, in Whatcom County, WSU Extension staff and volunteers engage with rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches, resulting in the acquisition of knowledge, skills and motivation to strengthen the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protect natural resources, help people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensure a safe and abundant food supply, encourage community vitality and grow the next generation of leaders, and

Whereas, the WSU Extension Master Gardener Program provides education that promotes sound gardening practices and 4-H Youth Programs positively impact our youth through life-changing experiences; both programs that profoundly improve the quality of life in our community, and

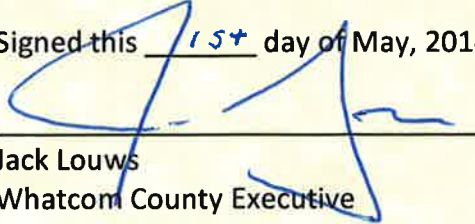
Whereas, WSU Extension is celebrating the centennial of the Smith-Lever Act commemorating the signing of the historic legislation, and honoring the millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders and others who engage in WSU Extension learning opportunities designed to extend knowledge and change lives.

Therefore, be it resolved, that I, Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 8, 2014 as

WSU Extension Day

in Whatcom County and encourage continued collaboration and cooperation among state and local governments to ensure WSU Extension's sustainability as a vital and primary non-formal educational network in our county.

Signed this 15th day of May, 2014.



Jack Louws
Whatcom County Executive

