



## Proclamation

**Whereas**, water is a basic need and essential to the economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of our community; and

**Whereas**, protection and preservation of this irreplaceable resource for future generations depends upon the on-going and active involvement of businesses, governments, volunteer organizations, and individual citizens; and

**Whereas**, many citizens and organizations work hard to improve the condition of Whatcom County's water resources and those efforts inspire and guide others; and

**Whereas**, those efforts should be emphasized and celebrated as our community prepares to face and overcome new challenges in water protection and management; and

**Whereas**, our businesses, non-profit organizations and community groups share information about the state of the resource, offer stewardship opportunities, and expand awareness and appreciation of our marine and fresh water resources and the role water plays in our lives; and

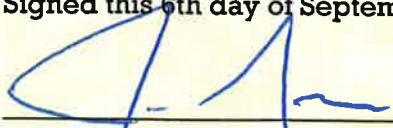
**Whereas**, Whatcom Water Weeks provide such an opportunity;

**Now, therefore**, I, Jack Louws, as Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim and support the week of September 6 - 20 as

### Whatcom Water Weeks

and urge all citizens of Whatcom County to recognize the importance of our water resources and participate in Water Weeks events this year and in years to come.

Signed this 6th day of September, 2014

  
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Jack Louws  
Whatcom County Executive

