



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, The Rotary Club of Bellingham was chartered on September 17, 1917, and has been in continuous existence since that date; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rotary Club of Bellingham is one of five Rotary clubs in Whatcom County and 34,000 Rotary clubs in the world, comprised of more than 1.23 million members; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rotary motto of "Service Above Self" embodies the values and mission of all five Rotary clubs in Whatcom County and inspires them to give generously to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, The Rotary Club of Bellingham and its Foundation have donated more than \$3 million dollars in Whatcom County in the past thirty years for projects such as Boulevard Park, the Bellingham and Whatcom County Food Banks, the Arne Hanna Aquatic Center, Lydia Place, Sun House and more; and

**WHEREAS**, the five Rotary Clubs in Whatcom County have worked together to provide food for hungry families abroad and locally; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim October 16, 2017 to be

### ROTARY DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and celebrate 100 years of extraordinary service and generosity by all members of Rotary in Whatcom County. We urge all citizens to join us in recognizing all Rotary clubs and their members for their selfless efforts.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

Handwritten signature of Kelli Linville in blue ink.

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham



Handwritten signature of Jack Louws in blue ink.

Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

