



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Whatcom Symphony was founded in 1975, when local music mavens Claire Vg Thomas and Ethel Crook brought together a small group of area musicians to prepare a concert celebrating the Bicentennial; and

WHEREAS, over the past four decades, the Whatcom Symphony has grown into a nationally-recognized orchestra, attracting acclaim from audiences, critics and artists; and

WHEREAS, today, the WSO is comprised of over 80 volunteer musicians, including local music teachers, active and retired professional musicians, and talented community members from all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the orchestra performs seven concerts annually at the Mount Baker Theatre, as well as performing a free family concert and providing many educational programs throughout Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the contribution the volunteer players, board, staff and other volunteers have made to the arts in our community; and

WHEREAS, in 2015 the WSO celebrates its 40th anniversary season;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim the week of October 11-17, 2015, to be

WHATCOM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and urge all citizens to join in recognizing this organization and its outstanding contribution to arts in our county.

Signed this 30th day of September, 2015

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

