



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS; In advance of the 2010 Olympics and Para Olympics in Vancouver, B.C., the Federal government invested over \$3 million into this facility and it served the region as a Joint Emergency Operations Center; and

WHEREAS; Earlier this year Bellingham Mayor Linville and County Executive Louws along with Port of Bellingham Commissioners and Port Executive Director Rob Fix developed an agreement to jointly lease and occupy the former Olympic Coordination Center; and

WHEREAS; The Center will now be used to consolidate emergency management, preparedness and response operations and staff; and

WHEREAS; Within 3 years we also intend to co-locate public safety dispatch and the 911 call centers into this Emergency Operations Center; and

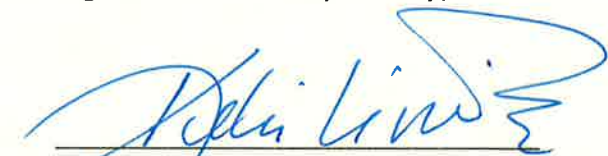
WHEREAS; The City, the County and the Port are working in partnership with some of our major industrial neighbors, principally BP and Phillips 66, to use the facility as an all hazards Emergency Coordination Center forming a unique public/private partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim July 18, 2014 to be

WHATCOM UNIFIED EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to take this opportunity to evaluate and learn about their own personal preparedness and safety.

Signed this 17th day of July, 2014.


Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Jack Louws, Executive
County of Whatcom

