MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the aim of the Pay it Forward concept is to promote community spirit through intentional acts of kindness; and

WHEREAS the Pay it Forward novel, written by Catherine Ryan Hyde in 2000, has inspired the creation of a movie, a non-profit foundation, and a movement that has been vital in inspiring millions of good deeds all over the world; and

WHEREAS Pay it Forward Day was created in 2007 in Australia to further the altruistic movement of goodwill; and

WHEREAS Pay it Forward Day is a worldwide effort being supported by people in more than 52 countries on 6 continents; and

WHEREAS Pay it Forward Day encourages people to do good deeds for others without asking for anything in return except for the recipients to pay it forward to others in need; and

WHEREAS together we can make a difference by creating positive change in our community and world - one good deed at a time.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim April 25, 2013 as

“PAY IT FORWARD DAY”

in the City of Bellingham, WA.

Signed this 11th of January, 2013

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham