MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Assumption was established in 1913 and was taught by Dominican sisters until 1972. There was a convent behind the school to house the Dominican nuns from Tacoma who agreed to move north to staff the new school; and

WHEREAS the school opened for business September 2, 1913 with 132 students. A junior high program arose in the early ‘50s, but ended in 1967 when local public schools switched to the middle-school format; and

WHEREAS in the early 1960’s, the Second Vatican Council brought major changes to the Roman Catholic Church, with implications for Catholic schools, Assumption included; and

WHEREAS the last religious teacher at Assumption departed in 1983, but religion remains a part of the students’ life with daily prayers and religious instruction in the classroom; and

WHEREAS in recent decades, the school added preschool and kindergarten classes, installed computer labs and established an endowment fund; and

WHEREAS there are currently 232 students in preschool through eighth grade and the school is beginning the process of turning Assumption into a bilingual school, in which all students would master both English and Spanish and classroom instruction would be taught in both languages; and

WHEREAS; Assumption recently won a national award for its garden project. In which students learn about healthy food and also raise money for a sister school in Cambodia by selling the fresh produce to parishioners; and

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 2nd as

"ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL 100TH BIRTHDAY"

in the City of Bellingham and encourage the community to celebrate this 100th birthday by attending the events of the September 20th through 22nd.

Signed the 20th day of September, 2013

Kelli Linville
Mayor