MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation’s and State’s heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law;

WHEREAS Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958;

WHEREAS the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day;

WHEREAS the year 2015 marks the 800th anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, England, in 1215;

WHEREAS the Founders of our Nation drew upon the principles of Magna Carta in drafting our cherished documents of liberty, including the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights;

WHEREAS Magna Carta has become one of the world’s most enduring symbols of liberty under law;

WHEREAS Magna Carta continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle to advance human rights;

WHEREAS promoting public understanding the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the State of Washington;

WHEREAS the American Bar Association has identified the 2015 Law Day theme as “Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom under Law”;

WHEREAS Law Day, May 1, 2015, will be commemorated in the City of Bellingham with Whatcom Middle School students participating in a program at Bellingham Municipal Court; and

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 1, 2015, to be

LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 21st day of April 2015

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham