MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, an acoustic neuroma is a rare, benign tumor of the hearing and balance nerves that affects nearly two in 100,000 people; and

WHEREAS, an acoustic neuroma can lead to single-sided deafness, tinnitus, balance issues and facial paralysis; and

WHEREAS, founded by acoustic neuroma patients in 1981, the Acoustic Neuroma Association (ANA) is a non-profit organization with national headquarters in Cumming, Georgia whose mission is to inform, educate and provide national and local support networks for those affected by acoustic neuromas, and to be an essential resource for health care professionals who treat acoustic neuroma patients; and

WHEREAS, ANA is organizing a nationwide effort to raise awareness of acoustic neuromas during the third annual ANAwareness Week May 10-16, 2015; and

WHEREAS, thousands of patients, caregivers, family members and health care professionals will participate in this national campaign to increase awareness to inform as many people as possible about acoustic neuromas in an effort to increase early detection and educate patients how to move forward following their diagnosis;

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 10-16, 2015, to be

ANAwareness WEEK

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 28th day of April 2015

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham