Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, Service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our challenges; and

WHEREAS, National service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21st century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

WHEREAS, National service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors and executives nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and strengthen communities and is joining with the National League of Cities, National Association of Counties, Cities of Service and mayors and county officials across the country for the Mayor and County Day of Recognition for National Service on April 5, 2016;

NOW, THEREFORE DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, County Executive for Whatcom County, proclaim Tuesday, April 5, 2016 to be

NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County

Signed this 23rd day of March, 2016.

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Jack Louws, County Executive
County of Whatcom