



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Law Day is a “day of national dedication to the principles of government under law,” as stated by President Dwight Eisenhower, who established the first nationwide commemoration in 1958; and

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution states: “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fourteenth Amendment incorporates the rights established in the First Amendment to apply to state governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* states: “Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression: this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers;” and

**WHEREAS**, the 2019 Law Day theme enables us to reflect on the way that freedom of speech and freedom of the press provide the foundation for our free society.

**NOW THEREFORE, DO I**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim Wednesday, May 1, 2019 to be

## LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2019



A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Kelli Linville".

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham