



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, respect, equity and individual dignity are fundamental to our democratic values; and

WHEREAS, certain events in our past failed to achieve these aspirations, but learning from them will ensure that they are never repeated; and

WHEREAS, the first Native American people welcomed immigrants to this land many centuries ago and many people have arrived since to pursue their dreams for a better life; and

WHEREAS, when woven with respect for each person, a vibrant fabric can emerge; and

WHEREAS, the Arch of Healing & Reconciliation, soon to rise in our Civic Center, symbolizes our renewed commitment to American democratic values; and

WHEREAS, this site will celebrate the rich diversity that provides energy and creativity for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of August 2017 to be

ARCH OF HEALING & RECONCILIATION MONTH

In the City of Bellingham, Washington and encourage residents to recognize the Arch as an enduring symbol of what our community can be; a healthier, more satisfying place to live, work and build successful lives.



Signed this 26th day of July, 2017

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham