MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, in 1956, May was established as National Bike Month by the League of American Bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, biking encourages a healthy lifestyle, reduces environmental impact and saves money; and

WHEREAS, last year, 322 bikes were stolen in Bellingham; and

WHEREAS, a stolen bike, recovered by the police cannot be returned to its legal owner if they do not have the serial number; and

WHEREAS, last year, only 30% of owners were able to provide a serial number for their stolen bike; and

WHEREAS, educating people on bike theft prevention will reduce the number of thefts and better our community; and

WHEREAS, police, City employees, City Council, community members and volunteers will participate in local gatherings and events throughout the month to raise awareness, including Bike to Work and School Day, Commercial Street Night Market, Bellingham Farmers Market, and the Ski to Sea race;

NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of May, 2018 to be

BIKE THEFT PREVENTION MONTH

in the City of Bellingham, Washington. Signed this 26th day of May, 2018

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham