Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, each April we observe Workers' Memorial Day as a day to remember those who have suffered and died on the job; and

WHEREAS, we remember those who have died in workplace catastrophes, suffered diseases because of exposure to toxic substances or been injured because of dangerous conditions, we rededicate ourselves to the fight for safe workplaces; and

WHEREAS, the core theme for Workers' Memorial Day has been "Mourn for the Dead, Fight for the Living;" and

WHEREAS, April 27th was chosen because it commemorates the anniversary of when the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect; and

WHEREAS, Workers' Memorial Day is observed in nearly 100 countries; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Washington Central Labor Council will have a remembrance ceremony at 12:00 noon at the Worker Memorial Monument on the Bellingham Library Lawn;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim Friday, April 27, 2012 to be

WORKERS' MEMORIAL DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 17th day of April, 2012.

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Jack Louws, Executive
Whatcom County