Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Opportunity Council is the Community Action Agency in Whatcom County working to help low-income community members to help themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Opportunity Council provides numerous programs to help low-income citizens of Bellingham and Whatcom County through Head Start/ECEAP, Child Care Resource and Referral, Homeless Housing, Community Resource Center, home rehabilitation and weatherization, emergency financial assistance with winter heating bills and rent, and many others; and

WHEREAS, the Opportunity Council, in partnership with elected officials, the private sector and low-income citizens, continues to identify challenges for those with fixed and low-income and seek ways to strengthen the community.

WHEREAS, Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim May 2012 as

COMMUNITY ACTION MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and urge all citizens to join in this observance.

Signed this 13th day of April, 2012.

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham

Jack Louws, County Executive
Whatcom County