



Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS Rotary International was founded on February 23, 1905 in Chicago, Illinois and is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and

WHEREAS the first Rotary club was established in British Columbia 100 years ago in 1913; and

WHEREAS there are over 1.2 million Rotary club members comprised of professional and business leaders in over 33,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic areas; and

WHEREAS Whatcom County currently has five Rotary clubs: Bellingham Rotary Club, Bellingham Sunrise Rotary Club, Bellingham Bay Rotary Club, Mt. Baker Rotary Club and Whatcom County North Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS the Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and

WHEREAS Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and

WHEREAS to-date, Rotary has contributed nearly \$1.2 billion and countless volunteer hours to the protection of more than two billion children in 122 countries; and

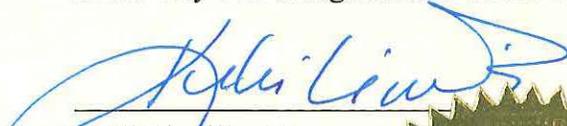
WHEREAS Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs and humanitarian grants;

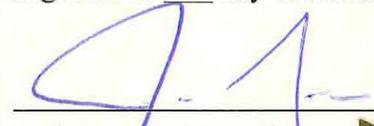
NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim February 23, 2013 to be

ROTARY DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 22nd day of January, 2013


Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Jack Louws, Executive
Whatcom County

