



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The American founding principles of “life, liberty and pursuit of happiness” and that “all men are created equal” have been extended and applied throughout our history to more – but not yet all – parts of U.S. Society; and

WHEREAS Equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental to ensuring economic success and personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS The former Stonewall Inn in New York City was the site of the June 27, 1969 riots that sparked the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS The City of Bellingham recognizes the importance of its residents’ and city employees’ diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, and sexual orientation and identities – all of which bring important richness to Bellingham; and

WHEREAS The United States Supreme Court has struck down the Defense of Marriage Act and made an important decision against California’s Proposition 8; and

WHEREAS The fight for equality and dignity for all individuals under the law continues; and

WHEREAS The B Proud Bellingham Pride weekend is July 12 to July 14;

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the weekend of July 12 through July 14 as

“BELLINGHAM PRIDE WEEKEND 2013”

in the City of Bellingham, WA. The City of Bellingham encourages residents to join us in celebration of our successes and ongoing work to eliminate discrimination and prejudice wherever it exists.



Signed this 11th of July, 2013

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelli Linville".

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham