



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** the Assumption was established in 1913 and was taught by Dominican sisters until 1972. There was a convent behind the school to house the Dominican nuns from Tacoma who agreed to move north to staff the new school; and

**WHEREAS** the school opened for business September 2, 1913 with 132 students. A junior high program arose in the early '50s, but ended in 1967 when local public schools switched to the middle-school format; and

**WHEREAS** in the early 1960's, the Second Vatican Council brought major changes to the Roman Catholic Church, with implications for Catholic schools, Assumption included; and

**WHEREAS** the last religious teacher at Assumption departed in 1983, but religion remains a part of the students life with daily prayers and religious instruction in the classroom; and

**WHEREAS** in recent decades, the school added preschool and kindergarten classes, installed computer labs and established an endowment fund; and

**WHEREAS** there are currently 232 students in preschool through eighth grade and the school is beginning the process of turning Assumption into a bilingual school, in which all students would master both English and Spanish and classroom instruction would be taught in both languages; and

**WHEREAS;** Assumption recently won a national award for its garden project. In which students learn about healthy food and also raise money for a sister school in Cambodia by selling the fresh produce to parishioners; and

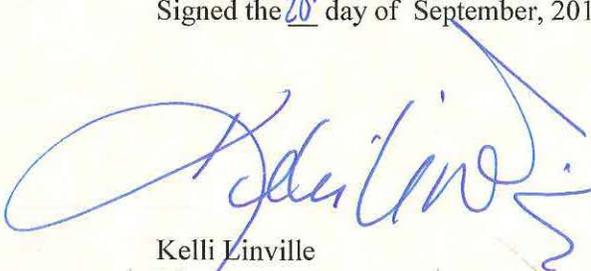
**NOW, THEREFORE, DO I** Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim September 2<sup>nd</sup> as

### “ASSUMPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL 100TH BIRTHDAY”

in the City of Bellingham and encourage the community to celebrate this 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by attending the events of the September 20<sup>th</sup> through 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Signed the 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013



  
Kelli Linville  
Mayor