



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS global climate change is a serious long-term challenge facing our society; and

WHEREAS Washington has more glaciers than any other state except Alaska; and

WHEREAS our region's physical and cultural landscape is an essential aspect of our vitality; and

WHEREAS the City of Bellingham and our community are known nationally for promoting civic dialogue about climate change and taking steps to address it; and

WHEREAS the Bellingham City Council has committed to conserving natural resources and reducing contributions to climate change as part of the City's Legacies and Strategic Commitments; and

WHEREAS the Whatcom Museum's exhibition *Vanishing Ice: Alpine and Polar Landscapes 1775-2012* strives to expand people's awareness of climate change and the cultural legacy of Earth's frozen frontiers; and

WHEREAS; *Vanishing Ice* contains a special section devoted to Washington's Changing Climate; and

WHEREAS; through art, *Vanishing Ice* encourages us to value the preservation of alpine and polar environments for the wellbeing of nature and culture; and

WHEREAS; Twenty-two community organizations have joined the Museum in offering more than 80 related events and programs; and

WHEREAS; the City of Bellingham is proud to host this exceptional exhibition uniting the arts, science and history in its examination of ice, culture and climate change; and

WHEREAS; *Vanishing Ice* demonstrates our continued commitment to addressing climate change and innovation as a community.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim the month of November as

CLIMATE AND CULTURE AWARENESS MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and urge all residents to join me in learning about the cultural legacy of our icy landscapes and recognizing both the challenges and opportunities inherent in a changing climate for our community.



Signed the 2nd day of October, 2013

Kelli Linville
Mayor

