



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, A diverse range of positive educational opportunities helps make for a healthy community; and

WHEREAS, Strong schools are an important part of what makes Bellingham a uniquely vibrant city; and

WHEREAS, Explorations Academy has for 20 years provided capable young people in Bellingham with a college-prep education of diverse curriculum including topics like Chinese, gardening, carpentry and martial arts, as well as traditional academic subjects; and

WHEREAS, Extremely creative and dedicated teachers have made student learning at Explorations Academy a transformational experience; and

WHEREAS, Field experiences off campus, averaging one day per week, enrich the learning of Explorations students; and

WHEREAS, Reflecting a commitment to global education, Explorations students travel and study in places like India, Kenya, Peru, Thailand, Cuba and Indonesia; and

WHEREAS, Frequent service projects, which serve many sectors of our community, are a key part of learning at Exploration Academy; and

WHEREAS, Substantial financial aid - over \$1M to-date, has allowed kids of all incomes to attend Explorations; and

WHEREAS, Extensive support from individuals and businesses across the city has made Explorations successful; and

WHEREAS, The graduates of Explorations go out into the world with the tools to be global citizens and implement positive change.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Mayor Kelli Linville, proclaim Monday, December 8, 2014, as:

EXPLORATIONS ACADEMY DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington, and urge the community to join in recognizing Explorations Academy as an essential component of the City's educational landscape and a valued means of promoting positive global citizenship among the City's youth.



Signed this 3rd day of December, 2014

Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham