



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS;** In advance of the 2010 Olympics and Para Olympics in Vancouver, B.C., the Federal government invested over \$3 million into this facility and it served the region as a Joint Emergency Operations Center; and

**WHEREAS;** Earlier this year Bellingham Mayor Linville and County Executive Louws along with Port of Bellingham Commissioners and Port Executive Director Rob Fix developed an agreement to jointly lease and occupy the former Olympic Coordination Center; and

**WHEREAS;** The Center will now be used to consolidate emergency management, preparedness and response operations and staff; and

**WHEREAS;** Within 3 years we also intend to co-locate public safety dispatch and the 911 call centers into this Emergency Operations Center; and

**WHEREAS;** The City, the County and the Port are working in partnership with some of our major industrial neighbors, principally BP and Phillips 66, to use the facility as an all hazards Emergency Coordination Center forming a unique public/private partnership;

**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE,** Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim July 18, 2014 to be

### **WHATCOM UNIFIED EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER DAY**

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to take this opportunity to evaluate and learn about their own personal preparedness and safety.

Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2014.

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Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

A blue ink signature of Jack Louws, Executive of Whatcom County, written over a horizontal line.

Jack Louws, Executive  
County of Whatcom

