



## Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Service to others is a hallmark of the American character and central to how we meet our challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, National service participants address the most pressing challenges facing our cities, from educating students for the jobs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century and supporting veterans and military families to providing health services and helping communities recover from natural disasters; and

**WHEREAS**, National service expands economic opportunity by creating more sustainable, resilient communities and providing education, career skills, and leadership abilities for those who serve; and

**WHEREAS**, National service represents a unique public-private partnership that invests in community solutions and leverages non-federal resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on taxpayer dollars; and

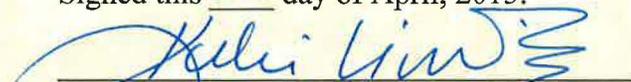
**WHEREAS**, The Corporation for National and Community Service shares a priority with mayors and executives nationwide to engage citizens, improve lives, and fund AmeriCorps VISTA and Senior Corps; and is joining with executives and mayors across the country to recognize the impact of service on the Mayors and Executives Day of Recognition for National Service on April 7, 2015;

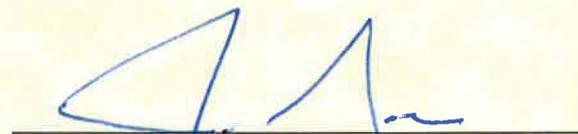
**NOW, THEREFORE DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, County Executive for Whatcom County, proclaim Tuesday, April 7, 2015 to be

### NATIONAL SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

  
Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

