



CITY OF BELLINGHAM  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
KELLI LINVILLE

## MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS** Law Day is an occasion of public acknowledgement of our Nation's and State's heritage of justice, liberty and equality under the law;

**WHEREAS** Law Day has been annually proclaimed by the President of the United States since Dwight D. Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day on May 1, 1958;

**WHEREAS** the United States Congress in 1961 encoded the presidential practice into law, statutorily designating May 1 as Law Day;

**WHEREAS** the year 2015 marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a milestone in legal history, the sealing of Magna Carta at Runnymede, England, in 1215;

**WHEREAS** the Founders of our Nation drew upon the principles of Magna Carta in drafting our cherished documents of liberty, including the Declaration of Independence, United States Constitution, and the Bill of Rights;

**WHEREAS** Magna Carta has become one of the world's most enduring symbols of liberty under law;

**WHEREAS** Magna Carta continues to be a source of inspiration in the international struggle to advance human rights;

**WHEREAS** promoting public understanding the roots of our freedom are an important component in the civic education of the citizens of the United States and of the State of Washington;

**WHEREAS** the American Bar Association has identified the 2015 Law Day theme as "Magna Carta: Symbol of Freedom under Law";

**WHEREAS** Law Day, May 1, 2015, will be commemorated in the City of Bellingham with Whatcom Middle School students participating in a program at Bellingham Municipal Court; and

**NOW THEREFORE, DO I, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, proclaim May 1, 2015, to be**

## LAW DAY

in the City of Bellingham, Washington.



Signed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 2015

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham