



## Joint Proclamation



**WHEREAS** approximately one in every 700 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year and about 250,000 people in the United States living with this condition found among all cultures and economic classes; and

**WHEREAS** people with Down syndrome possess a wide range of abilities, and are active participants in educational, occupational, social, and recreational circles of the community; and

**WHEREAS** developed by the National Down Syndrome Society in 1995, the Buddy Walk of Whatcom County is coordinated by Down syndrome Outreach, a program of The Arc of Whatcom County, and celebrates these achievements of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

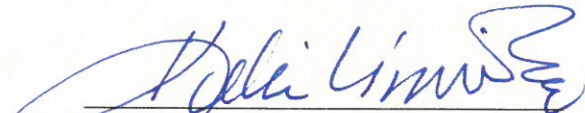
**WHEREAS** the activities of the Buddy Walk will help promote programs and issues regarding education, advocacy, awareness and inclusion.


**NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE**, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, proclaim October 6, 2019 to be

### DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the many wonderful accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2019

  
Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

  
Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

