



# Joint Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, approximately one in every 691 babies are born with Down syndrome, representing about 6,000 births per year in the United States; 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 accomplishments of children and adults with Down syndrome; and

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do we, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive do hereby proclaim October 6, 2012, as

## DOWN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

throughout Whatcom County and encourage all citizens to work together to promote awareness of Down syndrome and to celebrate the accomplishments of individuals and their families.

Signed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

Handwritten signature of Kelli Linville in blue ink.

Kelli Linville, Mayor  
City of Bellingham

Handwritten signature of Jack Louws in blue ink.

Jack Louws, County Executive  
County of Whatcom

