



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, May 1, 2017 marks the centennial of the opening of the WSU Cooperative Extension Service Office in Whatcom County, which is an integral part of the nationwide transformational education system operating through land-grant universities in partnership with federal, state and local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, the WSU Extension System continues to receive federal programmatic leadership and support enabled by the Smith-Lever Act and other legislation through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, as well as support through its partnership with Whatcom County Government; and

**WHEREAS**, WSU Extension staff and volunteers serve in the diverse communities that make Whatcom County unique, engaging rural and urban learners through practical, community-based and online approaches that build knowledge, skills and social capital; and

**WHEREAS**, the work of WSU Extension strengthens the profitability of animal and plant production systems, protects valuable natural resources, strengthens families, helps people make healthful lifestyle choices, ensures a safe, local and abundant food supply, encourages youth in participatory community leadership and citizenship; and

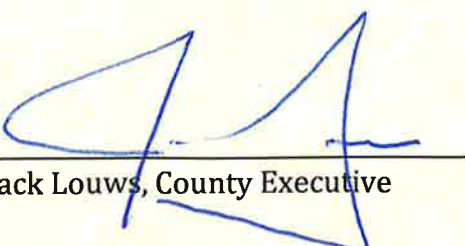
**WHEREAS**, WSU Extension is celebrating one hundred years of service in Whatcom County, and honoring the millions of youth, adults, families, farmers, ranchers, community leaders and others who engage in WSU Extension nationwide;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do I, Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim May 1, 2017 as

### **WSU WHATCOM COUNTY EXTENSION DAY**

in Whatcom County, and I encourage all citizens to join me in congratulating the Whatcom County WSU Extension office on their 100th anniversary of service to our County.

Signed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

  
Jack Louws, County Executive

