



Joint Proclamation

WHEREAS; graduating high school and continuing on to a post-secondary education is the best way to lead a stable, healthy, productive life; and

WHEREAS; more than 12,000 school age children live in Bellingham and more than 4,000 are at high risk for high school dropout; and

WHEREAS; Communities In Schools is one of the largest and most effective dropout prevention organizations in Whatcom County and has helped more than 15,000 students succeed in the last seven years; and

WHEREAS; more than 3,000 Bellingham students are receiving support from Communities In Schools; and

WHEREAS; 97% of the students we support stay in school; and

WHEREAS; Communities In Schools connects kids to resources from caring people and organizations all over Whatcom County.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO WE, Kelli Linville, Mayor of the City of Bellingham, and Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive, do hereby proclaim June 13, 2015 and the month of June to be

RACE FOR EDUCATION DAY AND GRADUATION MONTH

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County.

Signed this 8th day of June, 2015

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

