



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the family is the primary source of love, identity, self-esteem and support for children and adults, and provides the foundation of our communities; and

WHEREAS, the bond between child, parents and family members provides the nurturing and security that is critical for personal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, parents can encounter problems that require attention and assistance to ensure the safety and caring support of their children and their family; and

WHEREAS, because of this important bond, reunification with parents and family is the best option and preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

WHEREAS, each year, thousands of parents work hard through the dependency process to improve and grow, and thousands of children are successfully reunified with their parents and families; and

WHEREAS, family reunification also takes investment by extended family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, attorneys, courts and the community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Family Reunification Day is an opportunity to recognize and support families who have successfully reunified with their children, those families currently working through the process, and the many support persons who help these families;

NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Satpal Singh Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive, hereby proclaim, June 28, 2023 to be

Family Reunification Day

in Whatcom County, and urge all residents to join us in this special observance in support of families.

Signed this 6th day of June, 2023

Satpal Singh Sidhu

Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

