



Joint Proclamation



WHEREAS, National Volunteer Week is an opportunity to recognize and honor the countless individuals who selflessly invest in the lives of others; and

WHEREAS, we have never needed the volunteerism of America more than we do today; and

WHEREAS, volunteers are finding unique and innovative ways to spread joy and meet the emotional, physical, and spiritual needs of others, even while adhering to social distancing measures; and

WHEREAS, volunteering one's time, talents and resources has been an integral part of our heritage since the early days of our nation and it is essential that we continue this tradition of giving and sharing to preserve and improve the quality of life for all citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, the receiver is not the only one who benefits from volunteer service – for the giver reaps the rewards of improved skills and widened horizons as well; and

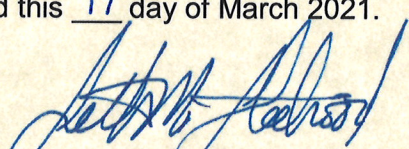
WHEREAS, each year a special week is designated in our nation for the dual purpose of recognizing those who give of themselves and of encouraging all citizens to become involved in volunteer work; and it is fitting at this time that we say "thank you" to all individuals, groups, and businesses who have given time, energy, and resources to their communities through volunteer service.

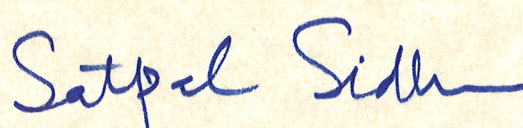
NOW, THEREFORE do we, Seth Fleetwood, Mayor of the City of Bellingham and Satpal Sidhu, Executive of Whatcom County, hereby jointly proclaim April 18 through 24, 2021 to be:

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

in the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County, and encourage all citizens to observe this week by celebrating the important work that volunteers do every day throughout our community.

Signed this 17th day of March 2021.


Seth Fleetwood, Mayor
City of Bellingham


Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive
Whatcom County

