



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KELLI LINVILLE

BellinghamPublicLibrary 

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, J. Gordon has served on the Board of Trustees of the Bellingham Public Library for 11 years, offering professional engineering and geotechnical expertise, leadership and management skills, and serving with dedication, good will, good humor and patience; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on the Board of Trustees, he participated in Library events and used the Library to access materials and information to support his own love of learning; and

WHEREAS, the Library's position in the community is a major focus for J., who is a champion for principles that are embedded in all public libraries: dedication to freedom, equality, civil rights and opportunity for all; and

WHEREAS, under the Board's leadership, the Library has achieved many significant accomplishments during J.'s tenure, including: completing two strategic plans; strengthening partnerships with the county library system, the higher education community, and many other community organizations; expanding early literacy services; implementing self-service options and other Library technology innovations; completing necessary renovations to the Fairhaven Branch Library; and many others; and

WHEREAS, also during J.'s tenure, the Library Board participated in completing several major studies and building plans in an attempt to provide a new, modern functional Library for the community and to help ensure sustainable funding for the Library's future; and

WHEREAS, J.'s commitment to the Library remains strong and during recent years he championed many ideas and projects designed to maintain and enhance the vital role of the Bellingham Public Library in our community; and

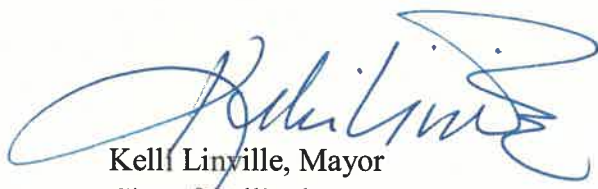
WHEREAS, J. regularly exhibits his passion for supporting the Library, noting that "serving on the Board of Trustees is the most enjoyable 'extracurricular' experience" of his career.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, Mayor Kelli Linville, proclaim December 19, 2017 as

J. GORDON APPRECIATION DAY

In the City of Bellingham, Washington, and urge everyone to join in thanking him for all of his years of service to our community.

Signed this 14th day of December, 2017



Kelli Linville, Mayor
City of Bellingham



Nancy Kerry
Library Director

