



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning and non-binary (LGBTQIA+) communities of Bellevue are an integral part of the vibrancy of our city and continue to have an immeasurable impact on the academic, economic, artistic, cultural, civic, and social spheres within and around our community; and

Whereas: The month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots, which occurred in June 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

Whereas: Celebrating Pride Month provides visibility, support and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to recognize that further progress and action are needed to build acceptance and advance equity for all; and

Whereas: LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights, and the City of Bellevue believes in upholding the dignity of the individual, supporting legal equality for all people, and ensuring acts of discrimination and hatred are not tolerated; and

Whereas: Today's city and community leaders who are involved in the LGBTQIA+ and civil rights movements have played a critical role in continuing efforts toward a more just world; and

Whereas: People from Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities who also identify as LGBTQIA+ are disproportionately impacted by high rates of violence, homelessness, mental health struggles and isolation, with one in three transgender adults experiencing homelessness in their lifetime; and

Whereas: In solidarity with the LGBTQIA+ community, the City of Bellevue will fly Pride flags at many city-owned facilities during the month of June, host and partner on Pride events in the community and work with community partners to place Pride banners in downtown corridors.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2023** as:

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH

in Bellevue and reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQIA+ residents against ongoing discrimination and injustice as we celebrate the meaningful, long-lasting impacts of this community on Bellevue's rich and diverse history and culture.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue