



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning and non-binary (LGBTQ+) 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 LGBTQ+ rights movement; and
- Whereas:** Celebrating Pride Month provides visibility, support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to recognize that further progress and action is needed to build acceptance and advance equity for all; and
- Whereas:** LGBTQ+ 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 LGBTQ+ and civil rights movements have played a critical role in continuing efforts toward a more just world; and
- Whereas:** People who are LGBTQ+ and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color 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 LGBTQ+ community, the City of Bellevue will fly Pride flags at many city-owned facilities during the month of June 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 2022 as:

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynne Robinson".

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue