



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990, as a landmark civil rights law that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and
- Whereas:** we honor the efforts of disability advocates and activists whose leadership led to the passage of the ADA, establishing a clear and comprehensive national mandate to eliminate discrimination and ensure equal opportunity for people with disabilities; and
- Whereas:** we recognize the valuable contributions of people with disabilities in every aspect of civic life including in our schools, workplaces, neighborhoods and government, and we are committed to ensuring Bellevue's programs, services, activities and facilities remain accessible and inclusive to all; and
- Whereas:** people with disabilities take pride in their identity and continue to build community and culture, yet many in this community still experience disproportionate impacts on their health, social connection and economic opportunity; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue works in partnership with organizations, advocates and community members to advance the promise of the ADA through inclusive planning, community engagement and equitable access to public services; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue invests in ADA strategic planning to strengthen disability equity across city departments, focusing on compliance, training, and citywide efforts to remove barriers and deliver services that meet the needs of all employees and community members; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue proudly promotes the nationally recognized Disability Pride Flag, designed by Ann Magill, and affirms the power of its symbolism to represent resilience, visibility and unity within the disability community.
- Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **July 2025** as:

Disability Pride Month

in celebration of the 35th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. We encourage all Bellevue community members to honor the ongoing work of disability advocates, uplift the voices and talents of people with disabilities, and join us in creating a more inclusive, accessible community for everyone.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue