



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is a serious crime impacting individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds, races, genders, faiths, orientations and abilities; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community; and

**Whereas:** Since 1997, approximately 380 domestic violence incidents in Bellevue resulted in fatalities—including 288 homicide cases, 68 suicides and 24 cases involving law enforcement intervention; and

**Whereas:** Additionally, the Bellevue Police Department responds to approximately 1,200 domestic violence cases per year, with about 870 incidents in 2024 to date; and

**Whereas:** Historically marginalized populations including LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, people of color, and Indigenous people face some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence, along with additional systemic barriers to safety and support; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is sustained by indifference. Ending the cycle of this vicious crime requires the support of the larger community for courageous survivors; and

**Whereas:** Education, prevention and intervention efforts to end the cycle of domestic violence are imperative to not only protect survivors but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence and its far-reaching impacts.

**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 **October 2024** as:

## **Domestic Violence Action Month**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse in our communities. LifeWire is a local agency focused on domestic violence survivor support from housing to legal advocacy to mental health therapy. We encourage survivors, their loved ones and concerned people to learn more by calling the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or visiting [lifewire.org](https://lifewire.org).

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue