



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to serving others and fighting for equality, reminding us that "Justice too long delayed is justice denied" and "Every step toward the goal of justice requires sacrifice, suffering, and struggle -- the tireless exertions and passionate concern of dedicated individuals"; and

**Whereas:** Many inequities during Dr. King's lifetime still persist today, as demonstrated through disparate outcomes in health, housing access, education and financial stability, in addition to continuing social and racial injustices of our time; and

**Whereas:** When Dr. King spoke at the March on Washington, he described a "fierce urgency of now" to take action toward equality. More than 50 years later, his words have an enduring relevance in our time; and

**Whereas:** On Martin Luther King Jr. Day we honor and celebrate this civil rights icon and visionary leader whose resistance to injustices including racial segregation, economic disparities, employment discrimination, and denial of the right to vote raised awareness and spurred action toward expanding access to opportunity and ending structural inequities for all people; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is committed to ensuring access, equity, inclusion, and opportunity, sharing the belief that the time is now to act with swift urgency to deliver on the promise of Dr. King's mission to foster a beloved community; and

**Whereas:** We honor Dr. King's legacy with an annual local celebration and health fair, being held in person on Jan. 15, 2024, at Crossroads Bellevue from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., and a national day of service to remind us that we are stronger when we march forward, together.

**Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim Jan. 15, 2024, as:**

## **Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to attend MLK Day health fair events including the one at Crossroads Bellevue and visit [www.MLKDay.gov](http://www.MLKDay.gov) to learn more about service opportunities across our country.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue