



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Probation services are an essential part of the justice system, enhancing public safety by supervising individuals charged with misdemeanors in Bellevue and providing an alternative to incarceration that enables clients to maintain meaningful connections with their families and communities; and
- Whereas:** Probation services are a proven tool for reducing recidivism by identifying client needs and risk factors, and by positively influencing behavior through role modeling, collaborative problem-solving and targeted programming; and
- Whereas:** in 2024, the City of Bellevue's Probation Division supported 2,280 clients through professional staff who believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every individual, offering services, programs and referrals that promote personal growth and accountability; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals form strong partnerships with community organizations to help address the root causes of client behavior, thereby reducing the likelihood of future justice system involvement; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals advocate for community and restorative justice, working to support marginalized residents and advancing equitable outcomes; and
- Whereas:** by incorporating trauma-informed practices, probation professionals prioritize relationships and empathy in their client interactions, which improves outcomes and fosters long-term change; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals apply an equity lens to their work, using translation and interpretation services to ensure accessibility and tracking data to monitor fairness in client outcomes; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals serve as agents of positive change in the community.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 20-26, 2025**, as

Pretrial, Probation and Parole Supervision Week

in Bellevue, Washington, and encourage all residents to honor these probation professionals and recognize the vital services they provide to our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue