



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted his life to the pursuit of justice, equality, and the creation of a society that values every individual's dignity and worth, reminding us that "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere" and that progress requires "tireless effort and persistent commitment"; and

Whereas while Dr. King's work inspired monumental changes, many of the inequalities he sought to address—such as disparities in health, education, housing and economic opportunities—persist and continue to challenge our collective progress toward equity; and

Whereas Dr. King's vision of a "fierce urgency of now" serves as a timeless call to action, reminding us of the need for immediate and sustained efforts to create a just and inclusive society; and

Whereas on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we honor his enduring legacy and acknowledge the transformative power of his leadership in advancing civil rights, dismantling systemic inequities and inspiring individuals to stand against injustice and embrace service to others; and

Whereas the City of Bellevue remains committed to fostering a community grounded in access, equity, and inclusion recognizing that these principles are vital to building a "beloved community" envisioned by Dr. King; and

Whereas Bellevue continues to celebrate Dr. King's life and work through meaningful events, including the annual local celebration and health fair at Crossroads Bellevue, to be held on January 20, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and encourages residents to participate in the national day of service to honor his memory through action.

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

in Bellevue and call upon all residents to reflect on Dr. King's legacy, engage in acts of service, and join in the city's MLK Day events and visit **MLKDay.gov** to discover additional opportunities to contribute to your community and beyond.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue