Whereas: Indigenous people have lived in the Puget Sound region since time immemorial;

and

Whereas: We acknowledge the land we are on as the ancestral homelands of the Coast

Salish people, including the Duwamish, Suquamish Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian

Tribe and Snoqualmie Indian Tribe; and

Whereas: Native communities and Tribal Nations across the country have endured

centuries of displacement, assimilation, violence and erasure, yet continue to

persevere and sustain their cultures; and

Whereas: We express our deepest respect to the original caretakers of this land, who

continue to live here today and honor their heritage; and

Whereas: Indigenous people have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to our

region through stewardship of the environment, advancements in science and technology, leadership in the arts and literature and countless other areas; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue reaffirms its commitment to equity, inclusion, and

opportunity, and to strengthening relationships with Native Americans, Alaska

Natives, Native Hawaiians and all Indigenous communities.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 13, 2025**, as:

Indigenous Peoples' Day

in Bellevue, Washington, and urge all residents to reflect on the history, contributions and resilience of Indigenous people. Bellevue further commits to building stronger relationships with our tribal neighbors and honoring the heritage and ongoing contributions of Indigenous communities.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue