



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month to pay tribute to older adults across the country. In 1980, President Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue includes a growing number of older persons with a wealth of knowledge and experience – 13% of the city’s residents are 65 years of age or older; and
- Whereas:** People are living longer; the average life expectancy in King County is 81.5 years, exceeding both the national and state averages; and
- Whereas:** In a recent survey for the Human Services Needs Update, nearly a third of Bellevue residents noted lack of services for older adults as an issue; and
- Whereas:** The Bellevue Network on Aging, a group of volunteers and city staff, is dedicated to healthy aging in the community by promoting awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life’s transitions; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue strives to provide opportunities to meet the changing needs of a more active, diverse older adult population, engaging older adults through education, recreation and service while encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and build social resilience.

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 **May 2024** as:

Older Americans Month

in Bellevue and urge all community members to appreciate the value of older adults, help to create an inclusive society and recognize those who support older adults as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue