Whereas: Veterans Day, observed annually on November 11, honors the courage,

dedication and sacrifice of those who have served in the United States Armed

Forces; and

Whereas: the origins of this observance trace back to November 11, 1918, when the

armistice ending World War I was signed, marking a moment of peace after years of global conflict. Originally known as *Armistice Day*, it was renamed *Veterans Day* in 1954 to honor all who have served in war and peace; and

Whereas: this day serves as a heartfelt tribute to the men and women who have defended

our freedoms - often at great personal cost - and reminds us of our collective responsibility to ensure that veterans have access to the healthcare, education,

employment and community support they have earned; and

Whereas: Washington State is home to more than 500,000 veterans, including many who

live and work in Bellevue and whose leadership, integrity and service continue to

strengthen our community; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue joins the nation in recognizing the extraordinary

contributions of our veterans and their families, reaffirming our commitment to being a community where every veteran is respected, supported and valued; and

Whereas: Bellevue honors our veterans through partnerships, volunteer efforts and

community observances such as the annual Veterans Day ceremony, reflecting

the city's deep appreciation for their service and sacrifice.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 11, 2025**, as

Veterans Day

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all residents to join in honoring the service, courage and sacrifice of our veterans and their families.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue