



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Probation services are an essential part of the justice system, ensuring the supervision of individuals charged with a misdemeanor in Bellevue and providing an alternative to incarceration that allows clients to maintain constructive ties to their families and communities; and
- Whereas:** Probation services are an effective tool in reducing recidivism rates by identifying client needs and risk factors and positively influencing thoughts and behaviors through positive role modeling, collaborative problem solving, and targeted programs; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals are trained specialists who believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every individual and provide programming, services and resource referrals for clients to promote personal change and accountability; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals form meaningful partnerships with community agencies to help meet the underlying needs of clients, which can help them avoid involvement with the criminal justice system; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals advocate for community and restorative justice; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals integrate trauma-informed practices into client interactions and services, improving outcomes by prioritizing a relational approach to supporting clients; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals apply an equity lens to their work in meeting the needs of community members, including the use of sliding scale fees, translation and interpretation services to ensure access, as well as data tracking to monitor equity in client outcomes and evaluate how specific subgroups are performing; and
- Whereas:** Probation services professionals are a source of positive change in their communities.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 16-23, 2023**, 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