



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is a serious crime affecting one in three women and one in four men during their lifetime through physical violence; and

**Whereas:** On average, 20 people per minute experience sexual assault, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S.; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence offenses comprise nearly 47% of all crimes against persons in Washington State; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by indifference; and

**Whereas:** Historically underserved populations including LGBTQ+, persons with disabilities, immigrants, racial and ethnic minorities, and Indigenous people face some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence, along with additional barriers to safety and support; and

**Whereas:** Ending the cycle of this vicious crime requires the courage of survivors and the support of the larger community; and

**Whereas:** Education, prevention and intervention efforts to end the cycle of domestic violence are imperative to not only protect survivors but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence and its far-reaching impacts.

**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 **October 2023** as:

## **Domestic Violence Action Month**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to prevent and end domestic abuse in our communities.

LifeWire is a local agency focused on domestic violence survivor support from housing to legal advocacy to mental health therapy. We encourage survivors, their loved ones and concerned people to learn more by calling the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or visiting [www.lifewire.org](http://www.lifewire.org).

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue