Whereas: food insecurity occurs when individuals or households lack reliable access to affordable,

nutritious food, and it continues to affect thousands of families in Bellevue and King

County; and

Whereas: food needs remain one of the most common reasons for King County residents to

contact social service providers; and

Whereas: Hispanic, Black, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and people with disabilities

are disproportionately impacted by food insecurity both locally and across the nation;

and

Whereas: in Bellevue, approximately one in four school-age children experience food insecurity,

putting their health, development and academic success at risk; and

Whereas: children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delays, experience

academic challenges and encounter social and behavioral challenges; and

Whereas: Bellevue is committed to building a future where no one goes hungry and where every

resident has access to healthy, culturally responsive, affordable and sustainably

produced food; and

Whereas: the city recognizes and commends the vital role of food banks, emergency and hot meal

programs, farmers markets and the hundreds of volunteers, faith organizations and social service agencies who work tirelessly to combat hunger and support neighbors in

need.

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

Hunger Action and Awareness Month

in Bellevue, Washington, and strongly urge all residents to pledge to take action against hunger in our community, whether it be by fund or food donation, volunteering or advocacy.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue