



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** domestic violence is a serious crime impacting individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds, races, genders, faiths, orientations and abilities; and
- Whereas:** domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families, and our community; and
- Whereas:** from 1997 to 2024, 399 domestic violence incidents in King County have resulted in fatalities - including 305 homicide cases, 70 suicides and 24 cases involving law enforcement intervention; and
- Whereas:** the Bellevue Police Department responds to an average of 1,200 domestic violence cases each year, with more than 700 incidents already reported in 2025; and
- Whereas:** historically marginalized populations - including LGBTQ+ individuals, people with disabilities, immigrants and refugees, people of color and Indigenous people - experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence, along with additional systemic barriers to safety and support; and
- Whereas:** education, prevention and intervention efforts to end the cycle of domestic violence are essential not only to protect survivors, but also to raise public awareness of its severity, prevalence and far-reaching impacts.

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

Domestic Violence Action Month

in Bellevue, Washington, and urge all residents to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts to prevent and end abuse in our communities. LifeWire, a Bellevue-based nonprofit, provides housing, legal advocacy and counseling to survivors. Survivors, loved ones, and community members are encouraged to call the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or visit lifewire.org for resources and support.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
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