



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, non-binary and two-spirit (LGBTQ+) communities are integral to the vibrancy of Bellevue, contributing immeasurably to our city's academic, economic, artistic, cultural, civic and social spheres; and
- Whereas:** the month of June is designated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, widely recognized as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and to ensure we are continuing to uphold and protect the rights of this community; and
- Whereas:** this month is a time to celebrate the progress achieved through decades of activism, while also recognizing the continued need to eliminate discrimination, uplift marginalized voices, invest in inclusion, support the wellbeing of young people who belong to this community and affirm the dignity and rights of all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue opposes legislation denying respect and dignity to individuals on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression, while ensuring current city practices comply with state law, including the Washington Law Against Discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW, which prohibits discrimination based on gender or sexual orientation; and
- Whereas:** the city is further committed to protecting and preserving the rights of our trans and nonbinary communities, upholding respect for the identity of every individual, supporting legal equality, and ensuring that acts of discrimination and hatred are not tolerated in our community; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue will continue its strong support for LGBTQ+ community members and visitors by flying Pride flags at city facilities during June, holding events and dialogues to celebrate and honor these perspectives, showcasing inclusive public art in civic spaces, partnering with community organizations to host and promote Pride events, and advancing policies that affirm belonging and equity.

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 **June 2025** as:

Pride Month

in Bellevue and reaffirm our commitment to stand in solidarity with LGBTQ+ communities against ongoing discrimination and injustice as we celebrate the meaningful, lasting impacts of this community on Bellevue's rich and diverse history and culture. We invite all community members to attend our Pride on the Plaza event June 4, noon-2 p.m. at City Hall.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
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