



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities that provide opportunity; and

**Whereas:** The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development defines affordable housing as "housing on which the occupant is paying no more than 30 percent of gross income for housing costs, including utilities"; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue is committed to increasing safe, affordable housing and has a significant lack of housing to meet needs of those in extremely low-income and low-income brackets; and

**Whereas:** Studies show that for every \$100 increase in median rent, homelessness increases by 15% in metro areas and 39% in suburbs and rural areas; and

**Whereas:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recognize safe, healthy and affordable housing within communities of opportunity as key social determinants of health; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is a member of A Regional Coalition for Housing (ARCH), a partnership of King County and East King County cities dedicated to preserving and increasing housing for low- and moderate-income households in the region; and

**Whereas:** Everyone benefits from affordable housing, including the people who reside in these properties, their neighbors, businesses, employers and the community as a whole; and

**Whereas:** People, organizations and communities throughout King County are uniting to raise awareness and participate in local Affordable Housing Week activities to elevate the critical need to create healthy communities with ample affordable housing.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 13-17, 2024**, as:

## **Affordable Housing Week**

in Bellevue and commit to actions and efforts to ensure Bellevue residents can live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue