



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, observed annually on June 15, was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2011 through Resolution 66/127 to raise awareness; and
- Whereas:** with a growing global population of elderly people, and as longevity increases, abuse of the elderly is an increasing and serious problem that affects health and human rights and can cause death, so it is vital to raise awareness of it and thus prevent it whenever and wherever possible; and
- Whereas:** elder abuse encompasses various forms, including physical, emotional, sexual and financial abuse, as well as neglect, and can lead to serious health consequences and violations of human rights; and
- Whereas:** older adults may face barriers to reporting abuse, such as fear, isolation or physical and cognitive impairments, making it imperative for communities to foster environments where they feel safe and supported; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its aging population by promoting awareness, providing resources and supporting policies that protect older residents from abuse and neglect; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue recognizes the importance of community involvement in preventing elder abuse and encourages residents to learn the signs of abuse and to report any concerns to the appropriate authorities.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 15, 2025**, as:

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day

in Bellevue and urge all residents to join in raising awareness, preventing elder abuse and ensuring that our older adults live with dignity and respect.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue