



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: public safety and community wellbeing are foundational to a strong and thriving Bellevue, and every resident deserves to feel safe at home, in schools, in workplaces and throughout our community; and

Whereas: gun violence continues to affect communities across the nation, causing tragic loss of life, impacting families and neighborhoods and creating lasting effects for survivors and loved ones; and

Whereas: communities, public agencies, healthcare providers, educators, law enforcement professionals and local organizations all play important roles in advancing awareness, prevention and support efforts that help reduce violence and promote safety; and

Whereas: National Gun Violence Awareness Day is observed in recognition of Hadiya Pendleton, who was tragically killed at age 15, and whose memory inspired a movement to raise awareness and encourage action around gun violence prevention; and

Whereas: orange has become the symbol of this effort because it represents the value of human life and serves as a visible reminder of the importance of protecting communities and supporting one another; and

Whereas: the City of Bellevue recognizes the importance of community partnerships, awareness and shared responsibility in supporting public safety and strengthening community wellbeing.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 5, 2026, as**

National Gun Violence Awareness Day

in Bellevue and encourage community members to honor those affected by gun violence, support efforts that strengthen community safety and recognize the importance of working together to create a safer future for all.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue