



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** August is recognized nationally as Black Business Month, a time to honor and celebrate the contributions of Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs whose innovation, leadership and resilience strengthen local economies and communities across the country; and
- Whereas:** Black-owned businesses are an essential part of Bellevue's vibrant and diverse economy, enriching the city's culture, creating jobs and serving as engines of opportunity and equity; and
- Whereas:** despite persistent disparities in access to capital, resources and market opportunities, Black entrepreneurs continue to build successful businesses and demonstrate extraordinary resilience and leadership; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue is committed to advancing racial equity and economic inclusion, and recognizes that supporting Black-owned businesses is critical to fostering a thriving and equitable community; and
- Whereas:** organizations and initiatives throughout Bellevue — including local chambers, economic development programs and community partners — are working to support Black-owned businesses through access to funding, technical assistance, mentorship and visibility; and
- Whereas:** celebrating Black Business Month provides an opportunity to elevate the voices, stories and impact of Black entrepreneurs and to encourage residents, institutions and businesses to support Black-owned enterprises year-round.

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

Black Business Month

in Bellevue, Washington, and encourage all residents to support Black-owned businesses, celebrate their contributions to our community, and work toward a more inclusive and equitable economy for all.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue