



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Bellevue is home to a vibrant and dynamic community where more than 15 percent of residents identify as being of Chinese descent, enriching the cultural fabric of our city; and

**Whereas:** the Chinese American community reflects a rich tapestry of histories, perspectives and experiences, each contributing to the preservation of cultural identity while strengthening civic life as Americans of Chinese descent; and

**Whereas:** in May 2023, Governor Jay Inslee signed legislation formally recognizing January as a time to honor the invaluable contributions of Chinese Americans and Americans of Chinese descent to the history and heritage of Washington state; and

**Whereas:** Washington is the only state to designate a month-long commemoration honoring its Chinese American community, reflecting a commitment to inclusion, visibility and recognition; and

**Whereas:** in reflecting on the experiences of Chinese Americans, it is important to acknowledge the challenges they have faced, including historic mistreatment and exclusion, while also celebrating their resilience, achievements and enduring contributions to society; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue's strength lies in its diversity, and the city proudly embraces the rich cultural heritage and vital presence of Chinese Americans, whose legacy continues to shape Bellevue's past, present and future.

**Now, therefore, I**, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **January 2026** as

## **AMERICANS OF CHINESE DESCENT HISTORY MONTH**

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to take this time to reflect upon and celebrate the profound impact, accomplishments and cultural contributions of generations of Chinese Americans, including recent immigrants, as we honor their enduring influence in shaping our community.

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Mo Malakoutian, Mayor  
City of Bellevue