Whereas: Global Youth Service Day is the longest-running annual youth participation

event in the world; and

Whereas: Originally launched as National Youth Service Day in the United States,

Global Youth Service Day is a coordinated annual event that encourages youth in more than 100 countries to engage in community service, service learning and youth-voice activities that benefit their communities; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue values and supports youth participation in civic

engagement and community service throughout the year; and

Whereas: The Bellevue Youth Link program had been providing community service and

leadership opportunities for Bellevue youth for over 34 years through the

Youth Council and the Youth Link Board; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue celebrates youth who volunteer through local service

organizations in support of the improvement of the Bellevue community, and encourages youth to serve with Bellevue Youth Link, a program providing community services and leadership opportunities for Bellevue youth for over

34 years, via the Youth Council and the Youth Link Board.

*Now, therefore, I,* Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 26, 2024**, as:

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in Bellevue, and encourage all youth and their families to seek out ways to give back to our city through community service.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue