



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: It is important to honor the dignity of thousands of people in Bellevue impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other types of dementia - diseases for which there is currently no proven means of prevention, treatment or cure; and

Whereas: Alzheimer's disease is a growing public health crisis in Washington. 120,000 people in the state are now living with Alzheimer's disease, relying on nearly 300,000 unpaid family caregivers providing 434 million hours of unpaid care and support to their loved ones; and

Whereas: In 2023, an estimated 6.7 million people in the United States 65 and older are living with Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association expects that number to more than double by 2060, unless medical breakthroughs lead to the prevention, slowing or cure for Alzheimer's disease; and

Whereas: Alzheimer's impacts are universal and not restricted by location, income or identity, and recognizing the dignity of individuals while also promoting a better understanding of the disease, can help individuals, families and caregivers.

Whereas: World Alzheimer's Day takes place annually on Sept. 21 and is a day during which Bellevue community members can join others from across the globe to raise awareness and challenge the stigma that surrounds Alzheimer's.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **Sept. 21, 2023, as:**

World Alzheimer's Day

in Bellevue, and urge all residents to join in this observance and learn more ways to get involved or donate in support of the care, support and research that helps our neighbors and family members facing Alzheimer's by visiting [ALZWA.org](https://www.alz.org).

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue