



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Tens of millions of workers in the U.S. are employed in essential critical infrastructure jobs that must continue through the COVID-19 pandemic to maintain the services and functions Americans depend on daily, as well as the country's ability to operate resiliently during the pandemic response; and

Whereas: Roughly a quarter to 30 percent of Seattle metro area employment is made up of workers in essential industries according to federal government data; and

Whereas: Essential workers include personnel working in 16 different sectors such as emergency response, healthcare and public health, food and agriculture, critical manufacturing, information technology, transportation, water, energy, government services and other support functions for these industries; and

Whereas: Many of these workers are required to interface closely with the public in the course of their work, putting their health on the line to meet the needs of our communities; and

Whereas: An estimated 12% of workers in essential industries do not have public or private health insurance; and

Whereas: Promoting the ability of these workers to continue working and staying safe during periods of community restriction, physical distancing, or closure orders/directives is crucial to community resilience and continuity of essential functions; and

Whereas: Essential workers are a key piece of the continued functioning of our communities during this time of increased physical distancing and limited availability of services, risking their own safety and health in the execution of their duties to serve the public every day; and

Whereas: Current health orders requiring continued use of physical distancing and personal protective measures means these workers in Washington will need to continue performing their essential work under trying circumstances in response to the public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim on **June 1, 2020** our continued support and recognition for the critical contributions of:

ESSENTIAL WORKERS

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to recognize and express appreciation for essential workers as they continue to carry out their necessary professions in service to us all during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue