



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** International Firefighters' Day is observed each year on May 4 to honor and remember past firefighters who have lost their lives while serving their communities, to express gratitude to those who have served in this line of work and to show support and appreciation for those who presently serve; and

**Whereas:** This commemoration was born out of a tragic loss of five firefighters on December 2, 1998, in a wildfire in Victoria, Australia; the resulting day of recognition was a way to honor their lives and the sacrifice firefighters are willing to make for the people they serve daily; and

**Whereas:** The demands of firefighting are accompanied by both personal and physical tolls that all firefighters knowingly accept while risking their lives to protect the lives of others; and

**Whereas:** At a moment's notice, firefighters are quick to respond to uncertain situations to mitigate danger and combat the threat of destructive fire or medical emergencies to protect individuals, families and the economic wellbeing of our community; and

**Whereas:** The Bellevue Fire Department has maintained continuous international accreditation from the Commission of Fire Accreditation International since 1998, demonstrating the commitment of all Bellevue firefighters to operate at the highest standards.

**Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 4, 2024**, as:**

## **INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY**

and encourage all residents to show support and appreciation to our City of Bellevue Fire Department and firefighters who diligently protect lives and property, and by remembering past firefighters who dedicated their lives to preserve our safety.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue