



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue celebrates the rich cultural diversity that strengthens our community and recognizes the important contributions of Sikh Americans to the fabric of our city and nation; and
- Whereas:** Sikhism, founded over 550 years ago, is one of the world's major religions and is rooted in the values of equality, selfless service, justice and faith; and
- Whereas:** April marks Sikh Heritage Month, a time to honor the vibrant traditions, spiritual heritage and significant achievements of the Sikh community, as well as to acknowledge their resilience in the face of adversity and their ongoing efforts to foster equity and inclusion; and
- Whereas:** Sikh Heritage Month offers an opportunity to reflect on the core principles of Sikhism, including the pursuit of truth, service to others and the protection of human rights, which align with Bellevue's vision for a compassionate and welcoming city; and
- Whereas:** King County is home to the seventh largest Sikh community in any United States county; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is proud to be home to Sikh residents, families and community leaders who contribute to the city's cultural vitality, economic development and civic life.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 2025**, as

Sikh Heritage Month

in Bellevue, and encourage all residents to join in celebrating the history, faith and contributions of the Sikh community and recognizing the importance of learning from one another to build a more inclusive and just society.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue