



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is a welcoming community that firmly believes in the City Council’s vision statement: “Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting our past.”; and

**Whereas:** It is recognized that the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ) people, both in our community and nationally, have been critical to advancing equity; and

**Whereas:** While further progress is needed toward more equitable treatment of LGBTQ community members, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

**Whereas:** Today’s youth involved in the LGBTQ and civil rights movement have played a critical part in continuing efforts toward a more just world; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQ youth made up 33 percent of the unaccompanied youth in King County as measured in the one-night count of 2019; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQ youth are disproportionately impacted by issues related to homelessness, mental health and isolation, and these issues have become more pronounced during a time when COVID-19 is present in the community and throughout our nation; and

**Whereas:** In solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the City of Bellevue will raise and fly pride flags at City Hall and several other city-owned facilities from June 1 to June 30, 2020.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as:

## **LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH**

in Bellevue. The City of Bellevue affirms its support and acceptance of LGBTQ youth, adults, and allies within the community. Further, we are proud and supportive of the meaningful, long-lasting impacts the LGBTQ community has made, including community support activities and mechanisms employed during COVID-19, and the many contributions they’ve made to Bellevue’s rich and diverse history and culture.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue