



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Food insecurity occurs when individuals or households lack reliable access to affordable, nutritious food; and

Whereas: Food needs are one of the most common reasons for King County residents to contact social service providers; and

Whereas: Hispanic, Black and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander residents and people with disabilities are disproportionately represented among people seeking food assistance in Bellevue, King County and many places across the country; and

Whereas: One in five Bellevue school-age children experience food insecurity;

Whereas: Children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, repeat school years and experience social and behavioral challenges; and

Whereas: Bellevue desires to build a future where no one goes hungry and where all residents have access to healthy, culturally responsive, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food; and

Whereas: We commend food banks, emergency and hot meal programs, and the hundreds of volunteers working with our cities, local faith organizations and social service agencies to address the rising hunger needs; and

Whereas: We encourage Bellevue community members to donate or volunteer at a local food bank or human services partner agency and help combat local food insecurity and hunger.

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

Hunger Action and Awareness Month

in Bellevue, and strongly urge all residents to join area food banks in “sharing what they can” to support our neighbors who are hungry.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue