



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** There are more than 6,000 hospitals in the U.S. employing more than five million people and admitting over 36 million people in 2018; and
- Whereas:** Americans made 139 million visits to hospital emergency rooms in 2017 for urgent care; and
- Whereas:** In 2019, Bellevue residents had over 8,200 inpatient hospital visits, with Overlake Medical Center providing care for nearly 5,000 of those visits; and
- Whereas:** Overlake delivered nearly 1,000 babies for Bellevue residents in 2019 and nearly 10,000 babies are born in hospitals across the nation each day; and
- Whereas:** This year's celebration of hospitals, health systems and health care workers is taking the form of "A Week of Thanks," where people can participate from the safety and comfort of their homes while health care heroes go to work fighting against COVID-19; and
- Whereas:** This important week gives us all the opportunity to highlight our hospitals, health systems and health care workers and the innovative ways they are supporting the needs of their community members during this pandemic.

**Now, therefore,** I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 10-16, 2020** as:

## **NATIONAL HOSPITALS WEEK**

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to express their appreciation for the people, facilities and technologies that make trustworthy, reliable health care possible in our community, especially during the public health crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue