



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: therapeutic courts improve both public health and public safety by using evidence-based approaches to support adults, youth and families affected by substance use and behavioral health conditions, helping individuals make lasting changes that strengthen our community; and

Whereas: Bellevue residents benefit from access to King County's therapeutic courts, which provide meaningful alternatives to traditional case processing and create pathways toward recovery, stability and family reunification; and

Whereas: therapeutic courts connect participants to treatment, case management, peer support, housing, education and employment resources, along with structure and accountability to address underlying challenges and support long-term success; and

Whereas: these programs have a positive upstream impact, helping to interrupt cycles of substance use and involvement in the legal system, while reducing adverse childhood experiences and supporting stronger families; and

Whereas: therapeutic courts have demonstrated measurable outcomes, including increased participation in treatment, higher rates of family reunification, improved employment outcomes and reductions in recidivism and emergency system use; and

Whereas: participants and alumni of therapeutic courts contribute to Bellevue's community as engaged parents, employees, neighbors and mentors, creating positive ripple effects that strengthen the city as a whole.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 2026 as:**

Therapeutic Court Month

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to recognize the value of these programs and support efforts that promote recovery, stability and public safety in our community.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue