

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:*** National Kids to Parks Day empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit a park; and
- Whereas:*** National Kids to Parks Day is open to all children and adults across the country to broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and
- Whereas:*** This day encourages younger generations to visit parks and inspires environmental awareness and stewardship; and
- Whereas:*** It encourages young people to lead active, healthy lifestyles; and
- Whereas:*** Outdoor play encourages youth to choose rewarding paths to adulthood by providing opportunities to build physical, intellectual, emotional, and social strength; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue Parks and Community Services offers a myriad of organized and coordinated recreational activities and services in Bellevue's extensive park system; and
- Whereas:*** Bellevue, widely known as a 'city in a park' has over 2,500 acres of park and open spaces, 85 miles of trails, 45 playgrounds, and 7 beach parks for public enjoyment; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue, through strategic design, has invested in local parks and playgrounds as a way of encouraging families and kids to embrace healthy life-choices and value outdoor recreation.

Now, therefore, I, Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 16, 2015:**

National Kids to Parks Day

And urge the citizens of Bellevue to take the children in their lives to a local, state, or national park.

Claudia Balducci
Mayor