- **Whereas:** Across Washington state, thousands of people travel by bicycle for transportation and recreation, providing health, environmental and economic benefits; and
- **Whereas:** The transportation sector is responsible for more greenhouse gas emissions than any other sector of our economy, meaning how we travel can and must be one of the biggest parts of the solution to the climate crisis; and
- **Whereas:** Building bicycle-friendly communities is known to improve people's health, quality of life and community spirit, while improving safety and reducing pollution; and
- **Whereas:** The City of Bellevue's Choose Your Way Bellevue program, as well as Cascade Bicycle Club, Washington Bikes and other organizations support Bike Everywhere Month during May; and
- **Whereas:** The City of Bellevue and many other regional partners, including Eastrail Partners and King County Parks, are working to improve the safety and accessibility of bicycling in our community; and
- **Whereas:** Bicycling is an affordable, accessible mode of transportation for people of different abilities, races and income levels, helping to reduce social inequities; and
- **Whereas:** Friday, May 17, 2024, is Bike Everywhere Day, which promotes bicycling as an important travel option.

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

Bike Everywhere Month

in Bellevue and urge all residents to consider bicycle commuting and recreational bicycling to enjoy the unique benefits it brings throughout the year.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue