



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: April 22, 2026, marks the 56th anniversary of Earth Day, a global day of recognition that began in 1970 to inspire awareness and action to protect our environment; and

Whereas: Bellevue's identity as a "city in a park" reflects its longstanding commitment to preserving and enhancing natural spaces, ensuring clean air and water and promoting biodiversity; and

Whereas: The city of Bellevue continues to advance sustainability through the Sustainable Bellevue Plan, with goals focused on addressing climate change, improving energy efficiency, supporting sustainable mobility, reducing waste and conserving natural resources; and

Whereas: Bellevue is taking proactive steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy, expand green infrastructure and grow the urban tree canopy to build climate resilience and protect future generations; and

Whereas: community engagement is essential to achieving Bellevue's environmental goals, with residents, businesses and organizations participating in tree planting, habitat restoration, litter cleanup and climate action initiatives; and

Whereas: The city of Bellevue encourages all who live and work here to take part in Earth Day activities, volunteer efforts and environmental education opportunities throughout the community; and

Whereas: the city proudly celebrates Earth Day at its annual Earth Fest event, taking place April 18, at the Bellevue Botanical Gardens and is open to the community to join in celebration.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 22, 2026 as**

Earth Day

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to take action - whether by reducing waste, conserving energy, protecting trees and waterways or participating in community initiatives - to support a more sustainable and resilient future for all.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue