



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Women’s History Month is a time to celebrate the vital contributions women have made to society and to recognize their achievements in shaping history, culture and progress across many fields; and
- Whereas:** Women’s History Month originated as “Women’s History Week” in 1981 when Congress passed a resolution establishing its observance beginning March 7, 1982, and was later expanded to the entire month of March in 1987; and
- Whereas:** women of every race, ethnicity and background have played a pivotal role in the development, strength and resilience of our nation, state and local communities, often in ways history has not fully recognized; and
- Whereas:** women, including women of color and immigrant women, have long been at the forefront of movements for justice and equity, leading efforts in civil rights, labor rights, suffrage, environmental advocacy and many other causes; and
- Whereas:** despite decades of progress, women and girls - particularly women of color and immigrant women - continue to face systemic inequities, including disparities in wages, caregiving responsibilities, barriers to healthcare access and challenges in the workforce; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue remains committed to equity, access and opportunity for all, as reflected in its Diversity Advantage Plan and vision for an inclusive and thriving community.

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

Women’s History Month

in Bellevue and encourage all Bellevue residents to honor this month through programs, ceremonies and activities that recognize and celebrate the remarkable achievements of women past, present and future.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue