



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Native Americans have been living in North America for tens of thousands of years; and

Whereas: In 1990, President George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution for November to be called National Native American Heritage Month; and

Whereas: We recognize that Native Americans are not a single nation but a variety of cultures, nations and languages with rich, diverse and sophisticated historical social structures; and

Whereas: This month is an opportunity to recognize the accomplishments of tribal communities as well as the many societal challenges and historical wrongs imposed upon them; and

Whereas: We support tribal governments and economies, recognizing that they provide critical infrastructure, social services and jobs in our communities and that Native Americans are responsible for many contributions to areas including medicine, art, architecture and ecology, even though many of these achievements have been neglected in our nation's written histories; and

Whereas: We take this opportunity to express our deepest respect to the original caretakers of this land, who continue to live here, and honor their unique ancestry and traditions; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue honors the heritage of all local and regional Native Americans, Alaska Natives and other Indigenous communities.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the **month of November 2022** as:

Native American Heritage Month

in Bellevue and urge all residents to reflect on the contributions and traditions of tribal communities that help make our diversity our strength as we embrace the future while respecting our past.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue