



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** There are more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including 249 dedicated Bellevue Police Department members; and

**Whereas:** According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), there were 43,649 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2021, resulting in approximately 15,300 injuries; and

**Whereas:** Since the first recorded death in 1791, over 23,700 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

**Whereas:** This includes Officer Jordan Jackson and Detective Thomas Wray, two members of the Bellevue Police Department whose lives were tragically lost in the line of duty; and

**Whereas:** The names of Jackson, Wray, and other dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C.; and

**Whereas:** There are 282 new names of fallen heroes being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 118 officers killed in 2023; and

**Whereas:** The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2024; and

**Whereas:** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day in honor of all fallen officers and their families, and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and

**Whereas:** Law enforcement officers are a vital part of our communities, standing ready to respond to emergencies and risk their own safety and health in the execution of their duties.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 12-18, 2024**, as:

## **National Police Week**

In Bellevue and encourage all residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
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