



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** In 2023, 40,990 people died in traffic crashes in the United States, with 733 of them occurring in Washington state, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and
- Whereas:** 23 people died and 217 people were seriously injured in traffic crashes on Bellevue roads from 2014 to 2023; three people were killed in traffic crashes in Bellevue this last October; and
- Whereas:** Each crash affects parents, children, siblings, grandchildren, colleagues, classmates and friends whose lives were lost or transformed in an instant; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue has adopted Vision Zero, which aims to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on city streets by 2030; and
- Whereas:** The Safe System approach used in Vision Zero identifies pillars, supportive elements and strategies to work towards the ultimate goal, and includes engaging and educating people to take personal responsibility in advancing Vision Zero; and
- Whereas:** The World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims is a high-profile global event to remember the many millions who have been killed and seriously injured on the world's roads and to acknowledge the suffering of all affected victims, families and communities; and
- Whereas:** The 2024 World Day of Remembrance theme, "Traffic Deaths & Serious Injuries are Preventable," reminds us that we have tools to prevent these tragedies and can save lives by investing in Vision Zero and the Safe System approach.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **Nov. 17, 2024**, as:

World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims

in Bellevue and urge all community members to remember those impacted by traffic crashes and to consider what we can do to improve road safety together.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue