Whereas: The City of Bellevue has adopted the goal of integrating its natural and built

environments to create a sustainable urban habitat for people and wildlife; and

Whereas: The city is dedicated to fostering environmental awareness, appreciation, and

stewardship of our natural, cultural, and historical resources through community

education and engagement; and

Whereas: Bellevue residents value clean air and water, thriving wildlife habitats and

distinctly unique places to live, work and play - hallmarks of a "City in a Park";

and

Whereas: trees increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas

and beautify our community, enriching daily life for all who live and visit here;

and

Whereas: trees are essential to protecting salmon habitat, providing shade and woody

debris along streams, improving air quality and preserving water quality by

preventing erosion; and

Whereas: wherever planted, trees are a source of joy, beauty, and spiritual renewal -

linking generations and inspiring stewardship of our shared environment; and

Whereas: Bellevue, for the thirty-fourth consecutive year, has been recognized as a Tree

City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation, reflecting the City's

enduring commitment to urban forestry and sustainability.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 18, 2025**, as

ARBOR DAY

in Bellevue, Washington and urge all community members to plant and care for trees to help sustain the health, beauty and well-being of present and future generations.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue