



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month to pay tribute to older people across the country; and in 1980 President Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue includes a growing number of older Americans with a wealth of knowledge and experience; 14% of the city's residents are 65 years of age or older; and

Whereas: People are living longer; over the last decade, the average life expectancy in King County rose to 81.7 years, exceeding both the national and state averages; and

Whereas: In a recent survey for the Human Needs Update, nearly a third of residents noted lack of services for aging adults as a community issue; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue provides opportunities to meet the changing needs of a more active, diverse older adult population; and

Whereas: The Bellevue Network on Aging, a group of volunteers and staff, is dedicated to healthy aging in the community by promoting awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life's transitions; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue engages older adults through education, recreation, and service and encourages people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience.

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 **May 2022 as:**

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

and urge residents to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue