



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people across the United States, including in Washington state, experience disproportionate rates of violence, abduction and homicide, creating a crisis that demands urgent attention and action; and
- Whereas:** Since 2017, grassroots actions have grown at the local, regional, national and international levels to recognize the National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls to raise awareness, honor the lives lost, support affected families and communities and advocate for justice and systemic change; and
- Whereas:** According to the Urban Indian Health Institute, Washington state has one of the highest numbers of reported cases of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lists murder as the third leading cause of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women, underscoring the need for increased awareness, stronger policies and improved coordination among law enforcement agencies; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue recognizes the importance of amplifying Indigenous voices, supporting efforts to address these injustices, and ensuring that all community members - especially Indigenous women and girls - are protected, valued and heard; and
- Whereas:** The Bellevue City Council affirms its commitment to working with tribal nations, Indigenous-led organizations, and community partners to support meaningful action, policy solutions and healing for impacted families.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 29 - May 5, 2025**, as

National Week of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls

and call upon all residents of Bellevue to join in recognizing this crisis, supporting Indigenous-led efforts for justice and working toward a future where Indigenous women, girls and Two-Spirit people are safe, protected and empowered.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue