



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: The City of Bellevue is home to many Korean Americans who contribute to the city's diverse cultural and economic well-being, with Korean being the third-most spoken language in Bellevue; and

Whereas: The U.S. Census estimates that two million people of Korean descent currently reside in the United States; and

Whereas: Korean American Day commemorates the arrival of the first Korean immigrants to the United States and honors Korean Americans' incredible resilience and contributions to society; and

Whereas: The commemorative day was officially recognized by the U.S. Senate and House in 2005; and

Whereas: Korean influences in Bellevue range from business development investments – especially in the tech industry – to a rich variety of Korean restaurants and shops to bilingual education programs in our schools and one of the first Korean Schools in the U.S. that is a vital part of Korean-American education for our region; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue recognizes and appreciates the strength of our community's diversity, including the important influences from Korean Americans that are worth celebrating and emphasizing.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Jan. 13, 2024, as:

Korean American Day

in Bellevue, to honor the contributions and cultural influences of Korean Americans as key attributes in Bellevue and our region. I encourage community members to attend regional celebration events including a local Korean American Day Celebration hosted by the Washington State Korean American Day Celebration Foundation on Jan. 13.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue