



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue celebrates the 36th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), signed into law on July 26, 1990, as landmark civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination based on disability; and
- Whereas:** we honor the disability advocates and activists whose leadership made the ADA possible, establishing a clear national commitment to equal opportunity, accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities; and
- Whereas:** we recognize the many contributions of people with disabilities in every aspect of community life and remain committed to ensuring Bellevue's programs, services, activities and facilities are accessible and welcoming to all; and
- Whereas:** people with disabilities continue to build vibrant communities and culture while too many still experience barriers to health, employment, housing, transportation and social connection; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue partners with organizations, advocates and community members to advance the promise of the ADA through inclusive planning, meaningful community engagement and equitable access to public services; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue proudly recognizes the Disability Pride Flag, designed by Ann Magill, as a symbol of resilience, visibility, inclusion and unity within the disability community.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **July 2026 as:**

Disability Pride Month

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all Bellevue residents to celebrate the achievements and contributions of people with disabilities, honor the ongoing work of disability advocates and join us in building a community where everyone has the opportunity to participate, belong and thrive.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue