



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: the City of Bellevue recognizes the historical significance of India's Independence Day, commemorating August 15, 1947, when the Republic of India achieved independence through a long and courageous struggle for freedom, bringing an end to more than two centuries of British colonial rule; and

Whereas: India's journey from colonial rule to the world's largest democracy continues to inspire people around the globe, with the nation making significant contributions in science, technology, entrepreneurship, healthcare, education and space exploration while strengthening its role as a global leader and economic partner; and

Whereas: Bellevue is proud to be home to a vibrant and growing Indian American community whose members enrich the city's civic life, economy and cultural landscape as entrepreneurs, innovators, educators, healthcare professionals, engineers, artists, public servants and community leaders; and

Whereas: Indian Americans in Bellevue represent a rich diversity of cultural, linguistic and religious traditions - including Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Jewish and Zoroastrian communities - reflecting a shared commitment to inclusion, mutual respect and civic engagement; and

Whereas: the shared values of democracy, innovation and opportunity continue to strengthen the enduring relationship between the United States and India while deepening the connections between the City of Bellevue and its Indian American residents.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **August 15, 2026**, as

India Day

in Bellevue, Washington, and encourage all residents to recognize and celebrate the rich cultural heritage, history and ongoing contributions of Indian Americans to our city and nation.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue