



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: More than 700 injury crashes involve distracted driving on an average day and the economic toll of all vehicle crashes in the U.S. annually exceeds \$400 billion; and

Whereas: Bellevue experienced 38 serious-injury crashes and five traffic fatalities total during 2020 and 2021, some involving distracted driving; and

Whereas: Talking on a mobile phone -- even in hands-free mode -- texting, adjusting your radio or programming a GPS device can divert your attention away from driving and result in distractions; and

Whereas: Bellevue residents and all Americans deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas: Preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, employers and the public; and

Whereas: Whereas the City of Bellevue and the National Safety Council works to promote policies, practices and procedures leading to increased safety on roads and elsewhere; and

Whereas: Bellevue's Vision Zero effort strives to eliminate serious-injury and fatal collisions on city streets by 2030; and

Whereas: People drive more as the weather warms, with more vulnerable road users walking and bicycling, it's imperative to focus attention on ways to prevent traffic crashes.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2022 as:

DISTRACTED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

in Bellevue and urge all residents to observe this time by practicing safe driving behaviors and pledging to drive distraction-free.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue