



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: in 1962, President John F. Kennedy designated the week of May 15 as National Police Week to recognize the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers across the nation; and

Whereas: since 1786, more than 24,000 law enforcement officers in the United States died in the line of duty; and

Whereas: this includes Officer Jordan Jackson and Detective Thomas Wray, two members of the Bellevue Police Department whose lives were tragically lost in the line of duty and whose names are engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., where 191 additional fallen officers will be honored this year; and

Whereas: the service and sacrifice of these officers will be recognized during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2026; and

Whereas: members of the Bellevue Police Department serve as guardians of public safety, protecting the rights, lives and property of community members and demonstrate professionalism, integrity and a commitment to building trust through community engagement, education and partnerships and;

Whereas: May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, when flags should be flown at half-staff in honor of fallen officers and their families.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 10-16, 2026, as**

National Police Week

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to honor the service and sacrifice of our law enforcement officers, past and present, and to recognize their role in ensuring a safer, more resilient community.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue