



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: January 27 marks International Holocaust Remembrance Day, established by the United Nations General Assembly to commemorate the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest Nazi concentration and extermination camp, and to honor the memory of those who perished; and

Whereas: January 27, 2026, marks 81 years since the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, serving as a solemn reminder of the passage of time and the enduring responsibility to remember and bear witness; and

Whereas: on this day and every day, we honor the memory of the six million Jews who were systematically murdered during the Holocaust, along with millions of other innocent victims, including people with disabilities, political dissidents and others targeted for persecution; and

Whereas: antisemitism is defined as a certain perception of Jews that may be expressed as hatred toward Jews, including rhetorical and physical acts directed at Jewish or non-Jewish individuals, their property, Jewish community institutions and religious facilities; and

Whereas: antisemitic attacks are on the rise and represent an assault on the humanity of all people, underscoring the urgent need to remember the millions of men, women and children who were killed because of their beliefs and heritage, and to reaffirm our collective commitment that the atrocities and genocide of the Holocaust are never repeated.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2026, as

International Holocaust Remembrance Day

in Bellevue, and I encourage all residents to join in solemn remembrance of the victims, educate themselves about the Holocaust and work together to confront and eradicate antisemitism in all its forms

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
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