



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** small businesses are the backbone of Bellevue's economy and play a vital role in shaping the character, creativity and prosperity of our community; and
- Whereas:** across the nation, communities come together on the Saturday after Thanksgiving to recognize the important contributions of local small businesses on Small Business Saturday.
- Whereas:** according to the U.S. Small Business Administration, more than 650,000 small businesses in Washington employ more than 1.4 million workers and continue to drive local innovation and opportunity; and
- Whereas:** nearly half (46%) of small businesses in Washington are women-owned and 15% are minority-owned, reflecting the diversity, resilience and entrepreneurial spirit that strengthen our communities; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is home to a vibrant network of organizations - including the Bellevue Downtown Association, Visit Bellevue and other regional groups - that champion small businesses and entrepreneurship through initiatives that encourage innovation, resilience and economic vitality; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue has launched new services to better support small businesses and entrepreneurs, including a collaboration with the Washington Small Business Development Center and expanded offerings from the city's Economic Development and Development Services teams - providing coordinated, no-cost advising and personalized support.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 29, 2025**, as

Small Business Saturday

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all residents to support our local shops, restaurants and small business owners - not only on Small Business Saturday, but throughout the year.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue