



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Nursing is the nation's largest healthcare profession, with more than 3.8 million registered nurses (RNs) nationwide; and

**Whereas:** With more than three times as many RNs in the United States as physicians, nursing delivers an extended array of healthcare services including primary, preventive and specialty care in such areas as pediatrics, family health, women's health, gerontological care, oncology, neonatal, neurological, and obstetric/gynecological nursing; and

**Whereas:** Most healthcare services involve some form of care by nurses operating collaboratively but independently of, not auxiliary to, medicine and other disciplines; and

**Whereas:** An expansive depth and breadth of the nursing profession is required to meet the different and emerging health care needs of the American population in a wide range of settings; and

**Whereas:** Nurses and other healthcare workers have been vital in the medical response to COVID-19, providing critical treatment and care at the risk of their own health and safety; and

**Whereas:** Professional nursing has been demonstrated to be an indispensable component of the safety and quality of care of all patients; and

**Whereas:** Globally, the nursing profession is celebrating a milestone in 2020, as the World Health Organization declares it the International Year of the Nurse and Midwife in honor of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

**Now, therefore,** I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 6-12, 2020** as:

## **NATIONAL NURSES WEEK**

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to celebrate Nurses Week and the Year of the Nurse by recognizing the contributions of the variety of nurses in our communities, particularly as they continue to battle the COVID-19 pandemic and provide supportive and lifesaving care to all patients.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue