



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** more than one million adults in the United States identify as transgender or nonbinary - an estimated 1.6% of the adult population according to recent national data; and
- Whereas:** Transgender, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming people contribute greatly to Bellevue's culture and community, enriching the city's diversity and helping advance equity, inclusion and understanding for all; and
- Whereas:** despite continued progress, transgender and nonbinary people still face discrimination, barriers to opportunity and acts of violence, underscoring the need for awareness, acceptance and collective action; and
- Whereas:** each year, Transgender Awareness Week raises visibility and promotes education about the experiences of transgender and nonbinary communities, while encouraging allies to take part in building inclusive communities; and
- Whereas:** first recognized in 1999 following the death of Rita Hester, a Black transgender woman, Transgender Day of Remembrance - observed on November 20 - honors the lives of transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals lost to violence, and calls for reflection, compassion and change; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue reaffirms its commitment to fostering a community where every person is treated with dignity and respect. Each year, city staff and residents gather to observe Transgender Day of Remembrance and to read the names of those lost to violence, standing in solidarity with the transgender community.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **November 13 - 19, 2025**, as

## **Transgender Awareness Week & Transgender Day of Remembrance**

in Bellevue, Washington and encourage all residents to participate in ceremonies and activities that promote understanding, visibility, and respect for transgender and nonbinary people in our community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue