



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** April 22, 2023, is the 53<sup>rd</sup> Earth Day, marking the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970; and
- Whereas:** April 28, 2023, is the 151<sup>st</sup> Arbor Day, celebrating the value of trees; and
- Whereas:** A healthy ecosystem is foundational to the lives of fish, wildlife and people in Bellevue; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is known and celebrated as a “City in a Park” and has worked for seven decades to steward the environment; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue, for the 32<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year, has been recognized as a Tree City USA community by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is dedicated to maintaining its tree-planting practices; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue has established ambitious goals related to climate change, energy, mobility, land use, waste and natural systems in the Sustainable Bellevue Environmental Stewardship Plan; and
- Whereas:** Community participation is an essential aspect of achieving Bellevue’s environmental goals, and Earth Day is an opportunity for people in the community to learn, volunteer and get engaged; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue’s commitment to our environment continues to grow, including new initiatives like Keep Bellevue Beautiful, partnering with our community to keep Bellevue litter free; and
- Whereas:** People who live and work in Bellevue can go to [bellevueclimatechallenge.org](https://bellevueclimatechallenge.org) to sign-up and participate in a friendly competition to take steps to reduce energy use at home, make your commute more green and sustainable and learn about other actions to reduce your environmental impact.

**Now, therefore,** I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 22, 2023**, as:

## **EARTH DAY – ARBOR DAY**

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to take part in protecting our trees and natural environments and join the city in its commitment to reducing our environmental impact as a community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue