



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue embraces the diversity, culture, and contributions of many residents with disabilities in our schools, government, workforce, and community, consistently and diligently working to make city programs, services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities; and

Whereas: The Diversity Advantage Plan was adopted in 2014 and names “Guiding Principles” and recommendations emphasizing the value of individuals with disabilities in our community and the city’s commitment to full access and inclusion; and

Whereas: About 17% of Bellevue School District students are identified as having a disability and almost one third of older adults living in Bellevue have one or more disabilities; and

Whereas: 30 years after the signing of the ADA, individuals with disabilities still experience disproportionate instances of discrimination, poverty, physical abuse and health impacts; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue affirms that while the ADA has significantly changed the lives of people with disabilities, we must continue to strive for equal access and opportunity for this population; and

Whereas: Numerous organizations in Bellevue work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

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 July 26-August 1, 2020 as:

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WEEK

and urge all residents of Bellevue to support equity for, and recognizing the value of, contributions that people with disabilities add to our city and community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue