



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Indigenous people have lived in the Puget Sound region for time immemorial; and

**Whereas:** As a community, we acknowledge the land we are on as the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people, the traditional home of all tribes and bands including the Duwamish, Suquamish Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and Snoqualmie Indian Tribe; and

**Whereas:** Native communities and Tribal Nations throughout our country have endured centuries of displacement from these lands, assimilation, violence and terror; and

**Whereas:** We take this opportunity to express our deepest respect to the original caretakers of this land, who continue to live here, persevere and honor their heritage; and

**Whereas:** Indigenous people have made and continue to make significant contributions to the region through science, technology, literature, the environment, the arts and more; and

**Whereas:** Though the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately harmed the health and livelihoods of Indigenous people, Native communities have been instrumental in connecting people with vaccination resources and information, boasting some of the highest vaccination rates of any racial or ethnic group; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is committed to upholding the values of access, equity, inclusion and opportunity for local and regional Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and all Indigenous communities.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **October 10, 2022**, as:

## **INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to reflect on the history, contributions and resilience of Indigenous people to the benefit of our communities. The city further reaffirms its ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion as it strives to effectively serve everyone in our community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue