



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** There are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Bellevue Police Department; and
- Whereas:** There have been 58,866 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2018, resulting in approximately 18,005 injuries; and
- Whereas:** Since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and
- Whereas:** The names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C., and
- Whereas:** The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 32nd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on May 13; and
- Whereas:** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and
- Whereas:** Law enforcement officers are a vital part of our communities, standing ready to deal with emergencies and risk their own safety and health in the execution of their duties to protect the public every day; and
- Whereas:** Law enforcement officers continue to diligently perform essential work on the frontlines alongside dedicated first responders and healthcare workers to respond to the current public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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 10-16, 2020** as:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In Bellevue and encourage all residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all, especially as they respond to the current public health emergency and continue to protect our communities while on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue