



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** "Women's History Month" celebrates the vital contributions of women to our society and recognizes specific achievements women have made over the course of history in a variety of fields; and

**Whereas:** Women's History Month began as "Women's History Week" in 1981 when Congress authorized and requested the week to be proclaimed beginning March 7, 1982; and

**Whereas:** In countless recorded and unrecorded ways, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic impacts to the growth and strength of our nation, state and local communities; and

**Whereas:** American women have been leaders, not only in securing their own rights of suffrage and equal opportunity, but also in the abolitionist movement, the emancipation movement, the industrial labor movement, the civil rights movement, and other efforts including the peace movement, which strives to create a more just society for all; and

**Whereas:** We must reflect on the on the significant burdens women and girls continue to bear today, particularly women of color, including unequal wages, disproportionate childcare responsibilities, lack of access to healthcare and loss of employment especially during the pandemic, while acknowledging that much more needs to be done to overcome these barriers; and

**Whereas:** Equity, access, inclusion and opportunity for all people are values at the core of the City of Bellevue's community vision and the ongoing work of the Diversity Advantage Plan; and

**Whereas:** Recognizing the importance of women's contributions helps to ensure these efforts will not be overlooked in the literature, teaching and study of American history.

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

## Women's History Month

And call upon all Bellevue residents to observe this month with programs, ceremonies and activities. More information, virtual events and discussions can be found at [womenshistorymonth.gov](https://womenshistorymonth.gov).

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue