



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** April 22, 2022, is the 52<sup>nd</sup> Earth Day, marking the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970; and
- Whereas:** April 29, 2022, is the 150<sup>th</sup> Arbor Day, celebrating the value of trees; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is known and celebrated as a “City in a Park” and has worked for decades to steward the environment; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue has established ambitious goals related to climate change, energy, mobility and 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, for the 31<sup>st</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:** Trees are integral to the lives of fish, wildlife, and people in Bellevue; and
- Whereas:** On Earth Day, Bellevue will launch a new Sustainable Bellevue Climate Challenge, with actions to reduce environmental impacts and opportunities to get involved and make a difference; and
- Whereas:** People who live and work in Bellevue can go to <http://www.bellevueclimatechallenge.org> to sign-up and participate in a friendly competition to take steps to reduce energy use at home, green your commute, 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, 2022**, 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 a commitment to reducing our environmental impact as a community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue