



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: National Internship Awareness Month was established in 2017 to recognize the benefits of internships for students, residents, and businesses; and

Whereas: The workforce talent pipeline in the City of Bellevue depends on the continued development of workers skilled in their chosen fields, and internship programs are uniquely able to anticipate and meet the changing demands of the local workforce needs; and

Whereas: Internships are proven pathways to fulfilling careers in the three highest-demand industries in Bellevue including technology, healthcare, and business services; and

Whereas: Internships are critical in allowing businesses to give back to their community and expand their talent pool by preparing Bellevue workers with the qualifications, skills, and competencies workers need to progress and succeed in their career pathways; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue's Workforce Development Program will connect residents to opportunities including internships, as well as connect employers to the local talent pool by offering workforce navigation assistance and partnering with workforce service providers, businesses, and community-based organizations to highlight the benefits of internships and expand the number of opportunities available in the city; and

Whereas: The Center for Career Connections, part of the RISE Learning Institute at Bellevue College, is recognized for their support to the local community and students by providing one-on-one career guidance, internship/development resources, professional development workshops and job fairs.

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

INTERNSHIP AWARENESS MONTH

in Bellevue and am pleased to note it will be promoted in collaboration between the City of Bellevue, Bellevue College Center for Career Connections, community partner employment resources, and businesses in the city through recognition of the hard work of interns, promotion of available internship opportunities, and encouragement for businesses to develop internship programs.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
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