Whereas: There are more than 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 60,105 assaults against law enforcement officers in 2020, resulting in

approximately 18,568 injuries; and

Whereas: Since the first recorded officer killed in the line of duty in 1791, more than 23,000 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: 619 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers

Memorial this spring; 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 34th Annual Candlelight Vigil, on May

13, 2022, on the National Mall; 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

communities every day; and

Whereas: Law enforcement officers diligently perform essential work on the frontlines alongside

dedicated first responders and healthcare workers to continue 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 11-17, 2022,** as:

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in Bellevue to honor those law enforcement professionals who gave their lives and to recognize and express appreciation for our local law enforcement officers working daily in public service to us all.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue