



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs are vitally important to establishing and maintaining the quality of life in our community; and
- Whereas:** These programs provide places for people of all cultures to gather, celebrate and volunteer their time and talents to make a difference; and
- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs build healthy, active communities and aid in the prevention of chronic disease, and improve the mental and emotional health of all residents; and
- Whereas:** People with disabilities benefit from opportunities and choices for recreation, socialization and learning to facilitate participation in the life of our community; and
- Whereas:** Parks and recreation programs also enhance a community's economic prosperity through increased property values and tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses and crime reduction; and
- Whereas:** Our parks and natural areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue's parks, trails and natural areas saw a significant increase in use during the pandemic, as residents sought opportunities to stay active and healthy; and
- Whereas:** As a "city in a park," Bellevue's parks and natural recreation areas are fundamental not only to the beauty of our community, but also to its environmental well-being by improving air and water quality, protecting groundwater, preventing flooding and providing vegetative buffers and habitat for wildlife.

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

## **Parks and Recreation Month**

in Bellevue, and urge everyone to enjoy and recognize the many benefits of our parks, natural areas, trails and recreation facilities.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue