



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Because of the efforts of disability advocates and activists, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue embraces the diversity, culture, and contributions of many residents with disabilities in our schools, government, workforce, and community by consistently and diligently working to make city programs, services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities; and
- Whereas:** The Diversity Advantage Plan was adopted in 2014 and includes the guiding principle of access, emphasizing building an environment that values the abilities of all by proactively removing barriers and providing accommodations for full participation; and
- Whereas:** People with disabilities, both locally and across the world, have experienced disproportionate impacts to their health, social connections, and economic stability during the COVID-19 pandemic; and
- Whereas:** 32 years after the signing of the ADA, individuals with disabilities still experience disproportionate instances of discrimination, poverty, abuse and health impacts; and
- Whereas:** Numerous organizations and city staff in Bellevue work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue affirms that while the ADA has significantly changed the lives of people with disabilities, we must continue to strive for equal access and opportunity for this population.

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 July 24-30, 2022, as:

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT WEEK

and urge all residents of Bellevue to support disability equity and recognize the value and contributions that people with disabilities add to our city and community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue