



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Traffic crashes involving distracted driving injure more than 700 people on an average day and have an economic toll exceeding \$95 billion in the U.S. annually; and

Whereas: In 2022, 28 people were involved in a fatal or serious injury crash in Bellevue, including some that involved distracted driving; and

Whereas: Talking on a mobile phone — even in hands-free mode — texting, programming a GPS device and many other distracting activities can divert your attention away from driving; and

Whereas: Bellevue residents and all people deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas: Preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and the public; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue works to support Safe System policies, practices and procedures, which establish principles and best practices for increased safety on roads and across the transportation system; and

Whereas: Bellevue's Vision Zero effort strives to eliminate serious-injury and fatal collisions on city streets by 2030; and

Whereas: As the weather warms, more people are walking and rolling, and it is imperative to focus attention on ways to prevent traffic crashes.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim April 2023 as:

Distracted Driving Awareness Month

in Bellevue and urge all residents to intentionally practice safe driving behaviors and pledge to drive distraction-free this month and all year long.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue