



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** President John F. Kennedy designated May as Senior Citizens Month to pay tribute to older people across the country. In 1980, President Carter changed the name to Older Americans Month; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue includes a growing number of older persons with a wealth of knowledge and experience – 14 percent of the city’s residents are 65 years of age or older; and

**Whereas:** People are living longer; over the last decade, the average life expectancy in King County rose to 82.3 years, exceeding both the national and state averages; and

**Whereas:** In a recent survey for the Human Needs Update, nearly a third of Bellevue residents noted lack of services for aging adults as an issue; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue provides opportunities to meet the changing needs of a more active, diverse older adult population; and

**Whereas:** The Bellevue Network on Aging, a group of volunteers and staff, is dedicated to healthy aging in the community by promoting awareness of needs and resources that support older adults through life’s transitions; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue engages older adults through education, recreation, and service, encouraging people of all ages to celebrate connections and resilience.

**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 **May 2023** as:**

## **Older Americans Month**

in Bellevue and urge every resident to recognize the value of older adults, help to create an inclusive society and recognize those who support older adults as essential contributors to the strength of our community.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue