



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- 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:** The FBI reported 43,649 assaults against U.S. law enforcement officers in 2021, resulting in approximately 15,300 injuries; and
- Whereas:** Since the first recorded officer death in 1791, over 23,700 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:** 556 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 224 officers killed in 2022 and 332 officers killed in previous years; and
- Whereas:** Included in this year's "Roll Call of Heroes" is Bellevue Police Officer Jordan Jackson, who died when his police motorcycle was struck on November 21, 2022; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue Police Detective Thomas Wray's name will also be inscribed on the memorial this year. Detective Wray suffered a fatal heart attack while on duty on January 22, 2002; 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 35th Annual Candlelight Vigil on May 13, 2022; 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 that day; and
- Whereas:** Law enforcement officers are a vital part of our communities, standing ready to respond to emergencies and risk their own safety and health in the execution of their duties to protect and serve.

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, 2023, as:**

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

in Bellevue and encourage all residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue