



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Motorcycles are regularly used as a means of transportation for commuting, tourism and other recreational purposes; and
- Whereas:** Safe riding and driving practices and cooperation from all road users helps reduce the number of fatalities and injuries on our nation's roadways, especially for motorcyclists who have unique safety challenges on the road such as smaller relative size, lower visibility by other road users, and less occupant protection and stability than cars or trucks; and
- Whereas:** Many multi-vehicle crashes involving motorcycles are caused when other drivers do not see the motorcyclist; and
- Whereas:** The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration states motorcyclists are about 28 times more likely than people in passenger cars to die in a traffic crash; and
- Whereas:** There were 1,955 motorcycle crashes in Washington state in 2022, including 125 fatalities; and
- Whereas:** The Bellevue Police Department and community are still grieving the loss of Officer Jordan Jackson on November 21, 2022, who died while on motorcycle patrol in Bellevue; and
- Whereas:** It is the responsibility of all who put themselves behind the wheel to increase their awareness of motorcyclists and to obey all traffic laws; and
- Whereas:** All roadway users should unite in safely sharing the roadways in Bellevue and beyond.
- Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim May 2023 as:

Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month

in Bellevue, and encourage all residents to learn more about sharing the road with other users of all transportation types, especially vulnerable road users including motorcyclists. Road safety is a key component for achieving Bellevue's Vision Zero goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious-injury collisions on our roads by 2030. To find ten quick tips for car and truck drivers to increase road safety for motorcyclists, visit msf-usa.org.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue