



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** The Americans with Disabilities Act protects the rights of protected populations to access public spaces, including access for individually trained service dogs doing work or performing tasks for the benefit of people with a disability; and
- Whereas:** In the United States, only 16,000 service dogs from accredited training programs exist nationwide, and the need is growing; and
- Whereas:** A number of nonprofit organizations in our region enhance the lives of people with disabilities by equitably providing expertly trained service dogs, ongoing services, and a committed community of support; and
- Whereas:** National Service Dog Month aims to educate our community about the benefits of service dogs and the laws protecting them; and
- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue recognizes an inclusive community where all community members and their service dogs are embraced and welcomed.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim September 2023 as:

National Service Dog Month

in Bellevue, and encourage community members to celebrate these task-trained service animals and respect the rights of adults and children who lead more independent lives because of their assistance.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue