



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in the United States; and

**Whereas:** Ninety percent of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. are due to smoking and second-hand smoke; and

**Whereas:** Washington state ranks above average in lung cancer survival rates when compared with other states but below average in the percent of cases that receive treatment after diagnosis; and

**Whereas:** According to the American Lung Association, more than half of people with lung cancer die within one year of being diagnosed, as the majority of cases are diagnosed in later stages. However, the five-year survival rate for lung cancer is 56% for cases detected when the disease is still localized within the lungs; and

**Whereas:** Screening for individuals at high risk, even without symptoms, can dramatically improve lung cancer survival rates by finding the disease at an earlier stage when it is more likely to be curable.

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

## **Lung Cancer Awareness Month**

in Bellevue to increase awareness of the severity of this disease and emphasize the importance of screening among high-risk individuals. More information about recently updated guidelines for lung cancer screening eligibility is at [cancer.org](https://www.cancer.org).

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue