



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** April 22, 2024, is the 54th Earth Day, marking the birth of the modern environmental movement in 1970; and
- Whereas:** A healthy ecosystem is foundational to the lives and well-being of fish, wildlife, forests and people in Bellevue; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue is known and celebrated as a “City in a Park” and has worked for seven decades to steward the environment; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue has established ambitious goals related to climate change, energy, mobility, land use, waste and natural systems in the Sustainable Bellevue Environmental Stewardship Plan; and
- Whereas:** Community participation is an essential aspect of achieving Bellevue’s environmental goals, and Earth Day is an opportunity for people in the community to learn, volunteer and get engaged; and
- Whereas:** Bellevue’s commitment to our environment continues to grow, including new initiatives to electrify homes, help commercial buildings reduce energy use, prepare for the transition to electric vehicles, and partner with our community to keep Bellevue litter free; and
- Whereas:** People who live and work in Bellevue can attend our first annual EarthFest on April 20 at the Bellevue Botanical Garden to participate in a celebration of our natural environment and learn more about how to take action to reduce your environmental impact.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 22, 2024**, as:

EARTH DAY

in Bellevue and encourage all residents to take part in protecting our trees and natural environments and join the city in its commitment to reducing our environmental impact as a community and fostering sustainable practices for generations to come.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue