



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Traffic crashes involving distracted driving injure almost 1,000 people on an average day in the U.S. and more than 3,500 people are killed annually; and

**Whereas:** In 2023, 26 people were involved in a fatal or serious injury crash in Bellevue, and almost 15% of crashes involved distracted driving; and

**Whereas:** Talking on a mobile phone—even in hands-free mode—texting, programming a GPS device and many other distracting activities can divert your attention away from driving; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue residents and all people deserve to live in communities that promote safe driving behaviors and healthy lifestyles; and

**Whereas:** Preventing distracted driving injuries and deaths requires the cooperation of all levels of government, businesses, non-profit organizations, educational institutions and the public; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue works to support Safe System policies, practices and procedures, which establish principles and best practices for increased safety on roads and across the transportation system; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue's Vision Zero effort strives to eliminate serious-injury and fatal collisions on city streets by 2030; and

**Whereas:** As the weather warms, more people are walking and rolling, and it is imperative to focus attention on ways to prevent traffic crashes.

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

## **Distracted Driving Awareness Month**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to intentionally practice safe driving behaviors and pledge to drive distraction-free this month and all year long.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue