



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Because of the efforts of disability advocates and activists, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990, to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities and establish a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue embraces the diversity, culture, and contributions of many residents with disabilities in our schools, government, workforce and community by consistently and diligently working to make city programs, services and facilities accessible to people with disabilities; and

Whereas: The Diversity Advantage Plan was adopted in 2014 and includes the guiding principles of access and inclusion, emphasizing building an environment that values the abilities of all, removes barriers to participation and provides accommodations for full engagement in civic life; and

Whereas: Decades after the signing of the ADA, individuals with disabilities still experience disproportionate instances of discrimination, abuse, economic instability and poverty, social isolation and health impacts; and

Whereas: Numerous organizations and city staff in Bellevue work with constituents and communities to bring forth the promise of hope and freedom embodied by disability pride and envisioned by the passage of the ADA; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue affirms that we must continue to strive for equal access and opportunity for disabled individuals and uplift the disability community through our inclusive and accessible services and programs.

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

Disability Pride Month

and urge all community members of Bellevue to support disability equity, recognize the contributions of disabled individuals to our communities and commemorate the important historical passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue