



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: On August 15, 1947, India declared its sovereignty after two centuries of British rule; and

Whereas: Bellevue celebrates and recognizes the historical significance of India's Independence Day and the indomitable spirit, resilience and sacrifices of its people through their journey to independence; and

Whereas: Washington state and Bellevue have many cultural and economic ties to India, with hundreds of thousands of Indian American community members contributing achievements in education, healthcare, technology, economic development and more; and

Whereas: Indian Americans are small business owners, entrepreneurs, and CEOs of many Washington companies, including Bellevue-based tech companies. These businesses provide valuable services, resources, and jobs to the people of this state; and

Whereas: Indian Americans reflect a multitude of diverse thoughts, cultures and religious identities while seeking to build bridges across all communities; and

Whereas: The U.S. Indian Consulate in Bellevue and Seattle will celebrate the 78th Independence Day of India on Thursday, August 15, 2024, with a public event where all are welcome at the event at City Hall Plaza in Bellevue.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **August 15, 2024**, as:

India Day

in Bellevue as a symbol of the shared values of democracy, diversity, and inclusion.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue