



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Women’s History Month is a time to celebrate the vital contributions women have made to our society and to recognize their achievements in shaping history, culture and progress across countless fields; and

**Whereas:** Women’s History Month originated as “Women’s History Week” in 1981 when Congress passed a resolution marking its observance beginning March 7, 1982, and was later expanded to the entire month of March in 1987; and

**Whereas:** Women of every race, ethnicity and background have played a pivotal role in the development, strength and resilience of our nation, state, and local communities, often in ways that history has failed to fully acknowledge; and

**Whereas:** Women, including women of color and immigrant women, have long been at the forefront of movements for justice and equity—leading efforts in civil rights, labor rights, suffrage, environmental advocacy and beyond to create a more fair and just society for all; and

**Whereas:** Despite decades of progress, women and girls—particularly women of color and immigrant women—continue to face systemic inequities, including disparities in wages, disproportionate caregiving responsibilities, barriers to healthcare access and ongoing challenges in the workforce; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue remains committed to equity, access, and opportunity for all, as reflected in its Diversity Advantage Plan and its vision for an inclusive and thriving community; and

**Whereas:** Recognizing and uplifting the contributions of women ensures that their stories, struggles and triumphs are not forgotten, but rather serve as an inspiration for future generations.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim March 2025, as:

## **Women’s History Month**

in Bellevue, and I encourage all Bellevue residents to honor this month through programs, ceremonies, and activities that recognize and celebrate the remarkable achievements of women past, present, and future.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue