

CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

- Whereas:** The YWCA is committed to eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all; and
- Whereas:** Racism prevents individuals from fully participating in and contributing to their community, eliminating racism and racial discrimination will allow us to celebrate the richness of diversity; and
- Whereas:** The elimination of racism can be achieved only with the participation of all people in dialogue, reflection and action; and
- Whereas:** Our shared goal is to advocate for increased awareness of the lasting and negative effects of racism in our communities, institutions and personal relationships; and
- Whereas:** On the last Friday of April each year, hundreds of thousands of people across the nation gather with the YWCA to spread awareness about the root causes of racism and to encourage conversations among members of diverse communities; and
- Whereas:** The YWCA believes that individuals and communities must be engaged in a conversation about racism and to pledge with one voice to stand against racism;

Now, therefore, I, Claudia Balducci, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim April, 24, 2015 as:

Stand Against Racism Day

and urge the citizens of Bellevue to observe this day and to commit themselves to fighting racism in all forms.



Claudia Balducci
Mayor