

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 YWCA believes that individuals and whole communities must be engaged in a conversation about racism and speak out collectively, with one voice, and pledge to stand against racism; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue aligns with the YWCA mission and is building upon the principles of equity, access, inclusion, opportunity, and cultural competency to enhance City services and programs for all; and
- Whereas:*** The City of Bellevue is committed to fulfilling the Diversity Advantage Initiative to effectively serve the city's diverse community needs with dignity and respect.

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **April 29, 2016** 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.

John Stokes
Mayor