CITY OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON

PROCLAMATION

Whereas: Bellevue College is now the 3rd largest higher-education institution in

Washington, with an annual enrollment of 33,000 including 1700

international students from 74 countries; and

Whereas: 450,000 people have taken classes at Bellevue College since it was

founded in 1966; and

Whereas: Bellevue College offers educational opportunities at low tuition rates –

from bachelor's degrees, associate degrees and certificate programs to adult education, lifelong learning and dual credit options for high school

students; and

Whereas: Bellevue College adds \$172 million annually into the regional economy in

addition to partnering with over 1,800 businesses and training 11,000

students each year in skills employers need.

Now, therefore, I, John Stokes, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of October 9 – 15, 2016 as:

Bellevue College's 50th Anniversary Celebration

in Bellevue, and encourage citizens to join me in recognizing the many contributions of Bellevue College to our community.

John Stokes, Mayor City of Bellevue