



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Petroleum-fueled vehicles are responsible for over 40 percent of our local greenhouse gas emissions and are a contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening the health of citizens and the sustainability of our planet; and

**Whereas:** To meet our regional and local greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, we must continue to transition to alternative fueled vehicles and alternative modes of transportation; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue has supported electric vehicles through an investment in electric vehicle charging stations for our fleet and the public, by purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles for our fleet, and by hosting a Neighborhood conference with an electric vehicle Ride and Drive in April this year; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue will host a National Drive Electric Week event on September 11 at the Downtown Park, for residents to come and learn about the benefits of driving electric from other owners and residents; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue has one of the highest electric vehicle ownership rates in the state and in the country; and

**Whereas:** It is critical that the transportation sector partner with the public and private sector to move toward adoption of clean energy technology, including plug-in electric vehicles, that reduces our dependence on foreign fuels and supports a healthy environment and economy; and

**Whereas:** Bellevue is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy, and promote sustainability; and

**Whereas:** September 8-16, 2018 has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to educate our citizens about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their adoption.

**Now, therefore, I,** John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **September 8-16, 2018** as:

## **NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK**

in Bellevue and call upon all residents of this great City to join me in supporting the aims and goals of this worthwhile effort.

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John L. Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue