



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: May 18, 2019 is the ninth annual **National Kids to Parks Day** organized and launched by the National Park Trust; and

Whereas: **National Kids to Parks Day** empowers kids and encourages families to get outdoors and visit a park; and

Whereas: **National Kids to Parks Day** is open to all children and adults across the country to broaden children's appreciation for nature and the outdoors; and

Whereas: It encourages youth to choose rewarding paths to adulthood by providing opportunities to build physical, intellectual, and emotional strength; and

Whereas: Bellevue Parks & Community Services is in the business of building a healthy community; and

Whereas: Bellevue, widely known as a "city in a park," has over 2,700 acres of parks and open spaces, 90 miles of trails, 46 playgrounds, and 7 beach parks to explore; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue has strategically invested in local parks and playgrounds to encourage families and kids to embrace healthy life-choices and value outdoor recreation.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim **May 18, 2019** as:

NATIONAL KIDS TO PARKS DAY

and encourage all of our residents to celebrate by taking the children in their lives to a neighborhood, city, state or national park.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue