Whereas: Hundreds of thousands of people in Washington state travel by bicycle for

transportation and recreational purposes, providing health, economic and

environmental benefits; and

Whereas: Creating bicycle-friendly communities is known to improve people's health, well-

being, and quality of life - boosting community spirit, improving safety, and

reducing pollution and congestion; and

Whereas: Washington Bikes, Cascade Bicycle Club, the City of Bellevue's Choose Your Way

Bellevue program and other organizations throughout the state support bicycling

during the month of June 2020; and

Whereas: These groups are also encouraging greater public awareness of bicycle operation

and safety education to reduce collisions, injuries, and fatalities; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue added 10 miles of new bike lanes in 2019 and plans to add eight

miles of new on- and off-street bikeways in 2020; and

Whereas: The City has implemented a Healthy Streets pilot on several streets to provide more

room for people in the neighborhoods to safely bicycle and walk while socially

distancing during COVID-19; and

**Whereas:** The best way to enjoy bicycling is simply by riding: to the store, to work or just for

fun;

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of

its City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as:

## **BIKE EVERYWHERE MONTH**

in Bellevue and urge all residents to join me in this special observance.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue