



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: East King County cities, including Bellevue, Issaquah, Kirkland, Redmond, and Sammamish, recognize adequate nutrition as a basic goal for each resident; and

Whereas: Food insecurity occurs when individuals or households lack reliable access to affordable, nutritious food; and

Whereas: With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent business and school closures, food insecurity has almost doubled in King County; and

Whereas: Food needs were one of the most common reasons this past year for King County residents to call seeking assistance with social services; and

Whereas: Latinx, African American, and Pacific Islander populations are disproportionately represented among callers seeking food assistance; and

Whereas: We commend the food banks, emergency and hot meal programs, and hundreds of volunteers working with our cities, local faith organizations, and social service agencies to stem the rising needs; and

Whereas: We encourage the Bellevue community to donate or volunteer at a local food bank or human services partner agency and help fight the ongoing local problem of hunger; and

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the 30th of October 2020 as a:

Hunger Action and Awareness Day

in the City of Bellevue, and strongly urge all residents to join area food banks in “sharing what they can” to support our neighbors who are hungry during this difficult time.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue