Whereas: The City of Bellevue includes a growing number of older Americans who have

built resilience and strength over their lives through successes and difficulties;

and

Whereas: Fourteen percent of Bellevue's population are age 65 years or older; and

Whereas: The city benefits when people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds are included

and encouraged to share their talents and experience; and

Whereas: Bellevue recognizes our need to nurture and empower ourselves throughout our

lifetimes, while continuing to grow and thrive in times of both joy and difficulty;

and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue can foster communities of strength by creating

> opportunities to connect and learn from each other, engaging older adults through education, recreation and service; and encouraging people of all

ages to celebrate connections and resilience.

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

its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of May 2021 as:

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

I urge every resident to recognize older adults and the people who support them as essential contributors to our community.

> Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue