



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** All people should have access to safe, healthy and affordable homes within communities of opportunity; and

**Whereas:** Everyone benefits from affordable housing, including residents, workers, employers and the community as a whole; and

**Whereas:** 320 Bellevue School District students were identified as homeless in 2020, and 7,520 Bellevue families are “housing insecure,” spending more than half their income on housing;” and

**Whereas:** The 2020 Point in Time Count found 6,228 people in King County, including 446 on the Eastside, sleeping outdoors without shelter; and

**Whereas:** Even as the number of people experiencing homelessness remains at crisis levels, the COVID-19 pandemic has increased the financial challenges facing moderate- and low-income households; and

**Whereas:** Advocates identify affordable housing as a critical component of making homelessness rare, brief and one time; and

**Whereas:** Communities throughout King County are participating in Affordable Housing Week to raise public awareness about the critical need to preserve and increase affordable housing in our communities; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue endorses the goals, objectives and purposes of Affordable Housing Week, and remains committed to ensuring that all people in our community live with dignity in safe, healthy and affordable homes.

**Now, therefore, I,** Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the week of **May 9-15, 2021** as:

## **AFFORDABLE HOUSING WEEK**

In Bellevue, and encourage residents to join in support.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue