



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** There are approximately 800,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Bellevue Police Department; and
- Whereas:** Since the first recorded death in 1791, nearly 22,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and
- Whereas:** 394 new names of fallen heroes are being added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial this spring, including 295 (182 fatalities are COVID-19 related) officers killed in 2020 and 99 officers killed in previous years; and
- Whereas:** The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund's 33rd Annual Candlelight Vigil, on May 13; and
- Whereas:** May 15 is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families and U.S. flags should be flown at half-staff; and
- Whereas:** Law enforcement officers are a vital part of our communities, standing ready to deal with emergencies and risk their own safety and health to protect us every day; and
- Whereas:** Law enforcement officers continue to diligently perform essential work on the frontlines alongside dedicated first responders and healthcare workers to respond to the current public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

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:

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

In Bellevue and encourage all residents and businesses to recognize and express appreciation for our law enforcement officers for their honorable profession in public service to us all, especially as they respond to the current public health emergency and strive to assist everyone in our diverse communities while on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue