Whereas: Public works services provided in our community play an integral part in the day-to-day

lives of our residents and businesses; and

Whereas: The COVID-19 crisis has resulted in a greater awareness of and appreciation for the

essential services provided by public works personnel during this critical time; and

Whereas: Many public works staff who cannot telecommute have adopted new work practices to

ensure the health and safety of themselves and the wider community; and

Whereas: The support of residents and businesses is fundamental to the efficient operation of public

works systems and functions such as streets maintenance, traffic signals, the delivery of reliable and safe water, maintaining stormwater and wastewater structures, upkeep on

public buildings and fleet management; and

Whereas: Bellevue's quality of life greatly depends upon these facilities and services and those who

maintain them; and

Whereas: The effectiveness of planning, design, construction and maintenance work is dependent

upon the dedication and skill of public works professionals, engineers, managers and field

staff.

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 16-22, 2021 as:

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in Bellevue and encourage all residents and civic organizations to recognize the contributions that public works staff make every day to our City's health, safety, comfort and quality of life.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor City of Bellevue