



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is a welcoming community that firmly believes in the City Council's vision statement: "Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting our past."; and
- Whereas:** It is recognized that the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning (LGBTQ) people, both in our community and nationally, have been critical to advancing equity; and
- Whereas:** While it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains made toward greater visibility and acceptance for important topics and LGBTQ community members, the city recognizes that further progress is essential to achieving equity for all; and
- Whereas:** LGBTQ youth made up 27 percent of the unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness in King County as measured in the one-night count of 2020; and
- Whereas:** LGBTQ youth are disproportionately impacted by issues related to homelessness, mental health and isolation, and these issues have become more pronounced during a time when COVID-19 is present in the community and throughout our nation; and
- Whereas:** In solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the City of Bellevue will raise and fly pride flags at City Hall and several other city-owned facilities during the month of June and works with community partners to place pride banners in downtown corridors.

**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 June 2021 as:

## LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

in Bellevue. The City of Bellevue affirms its support and acceptance of LGBTQ youth, adults, and allies within the community. Further, we are proud and supportive of the meaningful, long-lasting impacts the LGBTQ community has made, including community support activities and mechanisms employed during COVID-19, and the many contributions they've made to Bellevue's rich and diverse history and culture.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue