



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is a serious crime that affects one in four women and one in seven men during their lifetime through severe physical violence; and

**Whereas:** On average, 20 people per minute experience sexual assault, physical violence, or stalking by an intimate partner in the U.S. That's more than 10 million people a year; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence is widespread and has a devastating impact on survivors, children, families and our community; and

**Whereas:** Domestic violence does not discriminate and crosses all economic, racial, gender, educational, religious and societal barriers, and is sustained by indifference; and

**Whereas:** Ending the cycle of this vicious crime requires the courage of survivors and the support of the larger community; and

**Whereas:** Education, prevention and intervention efforts to end the cycle of domestic violence are imperative to not only protect survivors but also to increase public awareness of the severity and extent of domestic violence.

**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 **October 2021** as:

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ACTION MONTH**

in Bellevue. I urge all citizens to speak out against domestic violence and support local efforts, including those by LifeWire, an agency that provides domestic violence survivor support from housing to legal advocacy to mental health therapy, towards preventing and ending domestic abuse in our communities and increasing public awareness of, and action on, this issue.

We encourage survivors, their loved ones, and concerned citizens to learn more by calling the LifeWire Helpline at 425-746-1940 or by visiting [www.lifewire.org](http://www.lifewire.org).

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue