



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: Indigenous people have lived in the Puget Sound region for time beyond memory; and

Whereas: As a community we acknowledge the land we are on is the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish people, the traditional home of all tribes and bands within the Duwamish Tribe of Indians and Snoqualmie Indian Tribe; and

Whereas: We take this opportunity to express our deepest respect to the original caretakers of this land, who continue to live here, and honor their heritage; and

Whereas: Indigenous people have and continue to make significant contributions to the region through science, technology, literature, the environment and the arts; and

Whereas: A delegation of Indigenous people to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on the Discrimination Against Indigenous Peoples conference proposed Indigenous Peoples Day in 1977; and

Whereas: In 1992, the municipality of Berkeley, California became the first municipality to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue is committed to upholding the values of access, equality, inclusion and opportunity for local and regional Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Indigenous communities; and

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the **Oct. 11, 2021** as:

Indigenous People's Day

in Bellevue and urge all residents to reflect on the history and contributions of Indigenous people. The city further reaffirms its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion and serving everyone in our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue