



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** Despite being subjected to the U.S. Chinese Exclusion Act (1882 – 1943), along with other discriminatory laws which restricted their rights and treated them as second-class citizens, nearly 20,000 Chinese Americans valiantly served in the United States military during World War II; and
- Whereas:** these American heroes defended our nation’s democracy in every theater of war and in every branch of service even as they faced prejudice at home and in the military; and
- Whereas:** Chinese American WWII Veterans never lost sight of the potential and promise of a nation where all people are created equal; and
- Whereas:** on December 18, 2018, the United States Congress passed the Congressional Gold Medal Act to award the highest civilian honor – a Congressional Gold Medal – to the Chinese American WWII Veterans; and
- Whereas:** on December 9, 2020, the Speaker of the House bestowed the Congressional Gold Medal collectively to Chinese American WWII Veterans; and
- Whereas:** many of these courageous and dedicated Chinese American WWII Veterans lived in and returned to the great State of Washington and are a source of inspiration for current and future generations of all Washingtonians.

Now, therefore, I, Lynne Robinson, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim November 13, 2021 as

Chinese American WWII Veterans Day

In Bellevue, Washington, recognizing the contributions of these veterans and calling on our community to join in this reflection and honoring these important members of our community.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue