



# City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** More than a million U.S. adults identify as transgender, according to a 2016 study from the U.C.L.A.'s Williams Institute; and
- Whereas:** Each year, people and organizations around the country participate in Transgender Awareness Week Nov. 13-19 to help raise visibility and awareness of transgender communities and address the issues they face; and
- Whereas:** First officially recognized in 1999, Transgender Day of Remembrance on Nov. 20 is an annual vigil that takes place around the world to honor and remember all transgender community members lost to violence in the current year; and
- Whereas:** At least 44 transgender people in the United States were killed by violence so far this year, according to the Human Rights Campaign, a group that has tracked fatal violence against transgender individuals since 2013; and
- Whereas:** During Transgender Awareness Week, recognized during the week leading up to Transgender Day of Remembrance, transgender people and their allies educate the public about who transgender people are, the prejudice, discrimination and violence they often face, and the urgent need for resources to support and protect this community.

***Now, therefore, I,*** Lynne Robinson, mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim Nov 13-19, 2021, as

## **Transgender Awareness Week**

in Bellevue, recognizing the contributions transgender people make to our community, and standing with them against discrimination and violence.

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Lynne Robinson, Mayor  
City of Bellevue