



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

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 including prejudice, discrimination and violence; 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 and gender non-conforming community members lost to violence in the current year; and

Whereas: As of the writing of this proclamation, at least 45 transgender people in the United States, including five individuals in Washington or the Pacific Northwest, were killed by violence so far this year, according to the Human Rights Campaign. This is the highest number of fatalities recorded in a year since the group began tracking fatal violence against transgender individuals in 2013; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue gathers each year to read the names of those transgender community members lost in our nation to violence and will do so again on Nov. 18, 2021, as a way to recognize and remember these lives lost and raise awareness for 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 20, 2021, as:

Transgender Day of Remembrance

in Bellevue, and urge all residents to join our community in reflecting on the unique identities and lives behind the individuals lost to violence from our transgender communities and re-commit to fostering an inclusive community for all.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue