



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

Whereas: November is Native American Heritage Month; and

Whereas: Native Americans have been living in North America for up to 24,000 years; and

Whereas: We recognize that Native Americans are not a single nation but a variety of cultures, nations and languages; and

Whereas: This month is an opportunity to recognize the tribes' accomplishments and challenges past and present; 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 unique ancestry and traditions; and

Whereas: In 1990, George H.W. Bush approved a joint resolution for November to be called National Native American Heritage Month; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue honors the past with those who came before us: local and regional Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and all Indigenous communities.

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 November 2021** as:

Native American Heritage Month

in Bellevue and urge all residents to reflect on the contributions and traditions of Native American communities that help make our diversity our strength as we embrace the future while respecting our past.

Lynne Robinson, Mayor
City of Bellevue