

CITY OF BELLEVUE
PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 25, 2020 has generated anger, outrage, protests, and demonstrations across the United States; and

WHEREAS, in other cities, including Seattle, Portland, Atlanta, Phoenix, New York, Houston, San Jose, Los Angeles, Dallas, and Minneapolis, demonstrations over the killing of George Floyd have turned violent and led to other killings, property destruction, injuries to demonstrators and police officers, and use of force by police officers; and

WHEREAS, other cities, including Seattle, Portland, St. Paul, Louisville, Milwaukee, Columbus, Atlanta, Cincinnati, and Denver have declared states of civil emergency and established mandatory curfews; and

WHEREAS, the National Guard has been mobilized in Minnesota, Georgia and Oregon and has been requested for assistance in Seattle by Governor Jay Inslee; and

WHEREAS, on the evening of May 31, 2020, looting and property damage, assaults on police officers, and other acts of violence have been occurring in the City, as well as refusals to obey dispersal orders; and

WHEREAS, the events are rapidly evolving in the City and police responses are escalating; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the City's residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington does declare a civil emergency exists within the City of Bellevue.

Dated this 31st day of May 2020.



Lynne Robinson
Mayor of the City of Bellevue