CITY OF BELLEVUE PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Bellevue City Code (BCC) Section 9.22.010 empowers the Mayor to proclaim the existence of a civil emergency whenever a riot, unlawful assembly, or other hostile action, or the imminent threat thereof, occurs in the city and results in or threatens to result in the death or injury of persons or the destruction of or damage to property to such extent as to require, in the judgment of the Mayor, extraordinary measures to protect the public peace, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, in Seattle, demonstrations have turned violent and led to looting, vandalism, and other destruction of property as well as injuries to both demonstrators and police officers; and

WHEREAS, a demonstration is advertised for the evening of October 24, 2020 in the City of Bellevue's Downtown Park; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Police Department has reason to believe that individuals who have participated in the Seattle demonstrations that have turned violent will participate in the demonstration in Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, the Bellevue Police Department has reason to believe there is an imminent threat that the demonstration advertised to occur the evening of October 24 threatens to result in destruction of or damage to property and injury to persons; and

WHEREAS, these events are rapidly evolving situations and those wishing to incite violence can quickly mobilize across the City and region using freeways and highways that lead to the downtown corridor of the City of Bellevue; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the undersigned, extraordinary measures are required to protect the public peace, safety and welfare within the City.

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

Dated this 24th day of October 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

Lynne Robinson

Mayor of the City of Bellevue

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