Whereas: Petroleum-fueled vehicles contribute to over 40 percent of our local greenhouse gas emissions and are major contributing factor for air pollution and climate change; and

Whereas: To meet our regional and local greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets, we must continue to explore alternative fueled vehicles and alternative modes of transportation; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue has embraced electric vehicles through an investment in charging stations for our fleet and the public, and by purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles for our fleet; and

Whereas: The City of Bellevue will host a “National Drive Electric Week” event on Sept. 10 at the Downtown Park, for residents to come and learn about the benefits of driving electric vehicles from other owners and residents; and

Whereas: Bellevue has one of the highest electric vehicle ownership rates in the state and in the country; and

Whereas: It is critical that the transportation sector partner with the public and private sector to move toward adoption of clean energy technology, including plug-in electric vehicles; and

Whereas: Bellevue is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy, and promote sustainability; and

Whereas: September 14-22, 2019 has been designated as National Drive Electric Week throughout the United States to educate our citizens about the benefits of plug-in electric vehicles and to promote their adoption.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim September 14-22, 2019 as:

NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

in Bellevue and call upon all residents of this great City to join me in supporting the aims and goals of this worthwhile effort.

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John L. Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue