

**APPROVE PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IOWA RECOGNIZING BELLEVUE HEART & SOUL AND THE DISCOVERY OF WHAT MATTERS MOST TO THE RESIDENTS OF BELLEVUE**

Ernst moved with a second by Heiar to approve the Proclamation. Motion carried unanimously.

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AND THE DISCOVERY OF WHAT MATTERS MOST  
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**IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE MAYOR OF  
THE CITY OF BELLEVUE, IOWA, I DO HEARBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of Bellevue are engaged in a two-year innovative planning process, exploring community values and preparing value statements with the goal of providing guidance and direction to both the residents and leaders of the City of Bellevue as they make impactful decisions for the community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Heart & Soul process, which involves the receipt, collection, compilation, and analysis of extensive public input through the course of public events, activities, surveys, workshops, and personal interviews, shaped the intent, direction, and language of the Value Statements, and

**WHEREAS**, countless hours were volunteered by Bellevue residents in an effort to engage all segments of the community, particularly those who may not normally be involved in community planning and decision-making processes, and

**WHEREAS**, the Value Statements recognized by this proclamation will provide a framework that can be utilized by local decision-makers on both a day-to-day basis and when performing longer term strategic planning activities.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I DO HEREBY PROCLAIM AS FOLLOWS:**

That the following statements have been identified as deeply shared values that provide insight as to what matters most to Bellevue residents, providing meaningful guidance to the City Council and other local decision-makers when faced with important community decisions:

1. **Active Community:** We value our vibrant community which has evolved from the many volunteers, annual events, local organizations, and businesses which provide activities for residents and tourists of all ages.
2. **Neighborhood Pride:** We value our clean, well-kept town which creates a positive visual experience for tourists and residents alike.

3. **Hometown Traditions:** We value our close-knit community where traditions and relationships create an environment that feels like home.
4. **Natural Beauty:** We value the natural beauty of the Mississippi River Valley. This environment bonds the community together, drawing in tourists and encouraging outdoor recreational activities.
5. **Small Town:** We value the unique character of our small town. We have a rich heritage and historic buildings that house distinctive locally owned businesses and entertainment.
6. **Community Well-being:** We value the collaboration of local government, private and public organizations, volunteers, and those in uniform that provides a safe community for residents and visitors.
7. **Youth:** We value the support our community has for our youth by recognizing they are the future of our community. We have excellent public and private schools, strong extra-curricular programs, and many youth activities.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal for the City of Bellevue, Iowa to be affixed. Done this 22nd day of January, 2018.

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Chris Roling, Mayor

*Attest:*

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Abbey Skrivseth, City Clerk