



PROCLAMATION

IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF BELLEVUE'S MILITARY CAREGIVERS IN COLLABORATION WITH IDAHO'S DAR AND HIDDEN HEROES

WHEREAS, the series of wars and conflicts in which our nation has been engaged over time, since World War II, has resulted in 5.5 million military and veteran caregivers who are parents, spouses, siblings and friends, caring for those wounded, ill or injured who have served our nation, as documented by the 2014 RAND study commissioned by the Elizabeth Dole Foundation; and,

WHEREAS, the daily tasks of these military and veteran caregivers can include bathing, feeding, dressing and caring for the injuries of wounded warriors, administering medications, providing emotional support, caring for the family and the home, and working outside the home to earn essential income; and,

WHEREAS, the nation provides multi-faceted support to our wounded, ill and injured veterans and service members through public, private and philanthropic resources, but their caregivers receive little support or acknowledgement; and,

WHEREAS, most military and veteran caregivers consider the challenging work they do as simply carrying out their civic and patriotic duty, without realizing they are, in fact, caregivers, and do not identify themselves as such; and,

WHEREAS, an alarming number of military and veteran caregivers, according to research, are suffering numerous debilitating mental, physical and emotional effects as a result of their caregiving duties; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Bellevue desires to recognize and support those who are serving in these vital roles in our own community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

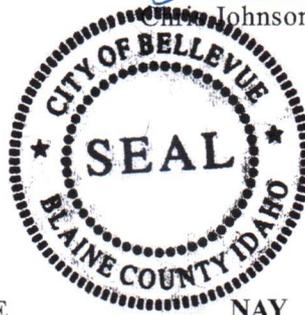
1. That City of Bellevue announces its support of military and veteran caregivers in our communities.
2. That City of Bellevue seeks to identify military and veteran caregivers residing in our communities and determine the unique challenges they face.
3. That City of Bellevue will work to ensure that our government, organizations, employers and non-profits are aware of the unique challenges of military and veteran caregivers and are encouraged to create supportive environments and opportunities for assistance.
4. That City of Bellevue encourages all who care for and support veterans and service members to extend that support to their caregivers.

5. That City of Bellevue shall designate a point of contact for our community, for citizens and organizations wanting to offer support and caregivers seeking that support.
6. That City of Bellevue uses the Elizabeth Dole Foundation's Military Caregiver Experience Map to understand the state of the military caregiver journey and use it as a tool to encourage community understanding and support.
7. That City of Bellevue shall work in concert with the Idaho State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (ISSDAR) to execute these tasks, thereby ensuring Idaho's Military Caregivers are identified, acknowledged for their service, and supported wherever possible.

ADOPTED by the City of Bellevue, State of Idaho, on this 8th day of April 2024.

[Handwritten Signature]

Johnson, Mayor



ATTEST:

[Handwritten Signature: Michelle K. Vest Snarr]
 Michelle K. Vest Snarr, City Clerk

ROLL CALL

- Council Member Carreiro
- Council Member Shay
- Council Member Leahy
- Council President Giordani
- Council Member Mahoney
- Council Member Obenauf

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<u>X</u>	_____
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