

City of Vancouver, Washington

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, June 2024 marks 55 years since the Stonewall Uprising between June 28, 1969, and July 3, 1969, which sparked the development of the gay rights movement throughout the United States; and
- WHEREAS, the month of June is celebrated throughout our nation as Pride Month, commemorating the Stonewall Uprising, and the progress achieved by lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and Two Spirit (2SLGBTQ+community); and
- WHEREAS, Pride Month is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward individuals who identify as 2SLGBTQ+and to promote self-affirmation, dignity, equal rights, increased visibility, build community, and to celebrate all sexual and gender diversity; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver has a thriving 2SLGBTQ+community, sustaining and sustained by so many inclusive organizations, places of worship, businesses, neighborhoods, schools, events, and more; and
- WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance, equity and equality, members of the 2SLGBTQ+community across the nation and within the City of Vancouver still face unacceptable levels of discrimination and violence, especially youth, people of color and disabled 2SLGBTQ+community members, so we must remain vigilant and push back against those who seek to roll back our progress; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Vancouver is dedicated to preventing discrimination and working to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists; it is imperative that all residents of our community feel valued, safe, included, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and
- WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the City's 2SLGBTQ+community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights; and
- WHEREAS, the month's observation includes Vancouver's Pride Block Party on June 8th, a celebration of diversity and resilience, affirmation of identity, confirmation of community support, and fostering connections that continue to engage the community long after the event concludes; and
- WHEREAS, The City celebrates Pride Month by raising the Pride flag to honor the history of the 2SLGBTQ+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all community members to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim the month of June as:

“ Pride Month ”

in the City of Vancouver, and I urge all residents to join us in celebrating the members of our 2SLGBTQ+community and working to make our City vibrant, safe, equitable and inclusive for all and I am calling upon the people of Vancouver to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 3rd day of June 2024.

Anne McEnery-Ogle
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR