

Proclamation

- WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising between June 28, 1969 and July 3, 1969, 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 (LGBTQ2S+) community; and
- WHEREAS, Pride Month is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward individuals who identify as LGBTQ2S+ 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 LGBTQ2S+ 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 and equality, members of the LGBTQ2S+ 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 LGBTQ2S+ 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, Vancouver celebrates the diversity and contributions of our LGBTQ2S+ community, which elevates and strengthens our City, and dedicates the month of June to the historical and ongoing fight for full equality.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnerny-Ogle, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as:

Pride Month

in the City of Vancouver, and I urge all residents to join us in celebrating the members of our LGBTQIA2S+ 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 26th day of June, 2023.

Anne McEnerny-Ogle
ANNE McENERNY-OGLE, MAYOR