

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, “Saturday in the Park/Vancouver USA PRIDE” began in 1993 to celebrate the defeat of two anti-gay initiatives, Initiative 608 and 618; and

WHEREAS, “Saturday in the Park/Vancouver USA PRIDE” is the longest running LGBTQIAS2+ Pride Event in Southwestern Washington celebrating its 30th year and 27<sup>th</sup> event; and

WHEREAS, “Saturday in the Park/Vancouver USA PRIDE” is a positive, open, family-focused, inclusive lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and Two Spirt community event; and

WHEREAS, “Saturday in the Park/Vancouver USA PRIDE” creates a safe, visible, and affirming festival to promote communication and dialogue between the LGBTQIAS2+ people and their families with the Greater Vancouver and Clark County Community; and

WHEREAS, “Saturday in the Park/Vancouver USA PRIDE” celebrates all of Vancouver’s diverse communities in an expression of unity, discriminating against none, and promoting a healthy inclusive environment for the entire community of the Greater Vancouver Area.

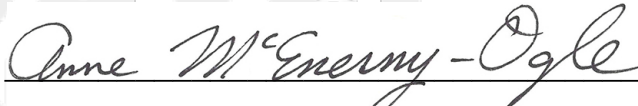
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, do hereby proclaim July 8, 2023 as:

**“Saturday in the Park / Vancouver USA PRIDE Day”**

and encourage the community to join in this observance of Vancouver’s diverse family.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 8th day of July, 2023.

  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR