

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQIA+ Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia welcomes and celebrates the diversity of sexualities, genders, and families of all residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia commits to making our community a safer and thriving place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender & Non-Binary, Queer, Questioning, Asexual, Intersex, Two-Spirit, Pansexual, Gender Fluid, and ALL under the rainbow umbrella; and

WHEREAS, across the country, there has been an alarming increase in introduction of anti-LGBTQ+ bills specifically targeting transgender people and women, limiting their bodily autonomy, and the right to access necessary medical care; and

more than 489 anti-LGBTQ+ bills, a 1411.76% rise from 2020, have been introduced this year that specifically target transgender people, bodily autonomy, and the right to access necessary medical care for trans people; and

WHEREAS, since the Supreme Court overturned Roe v Wade, a wave of bills have been proposed, eroding the necessary human rights to healthcare for all; directly affecting trans people, same sex marriages, and females; and

WHEREAS, it is now even more essential that local and state governments re-affirm their commitment to supporting LGBTQIA+ communities; and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Capital City Pride organized the first Washington small town Pride located outside of the relative safety of the big city of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has been honored to serve as the host city for the first Olympia Pride (later renamed Capital City Pride), and every Pride since; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is honored to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community and again participate in the Capital City Pride Festival themed “Remember the Future, Celebrate the Past” to be held July 1st, 2023 at the Port of Olympia Plaza; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim

***JUNE 2023 as LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH and
JULY 1 as CAPITAL CITY PRIDE DAY***

***in the City of Olympia and re-affirms the City's commitment to supporting
and standing with LGBTQIA+ communities.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 6th DAY
OF JUNE, 2023.***

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***