

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 LGBTQ+ Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia celebrates the diversity of experiences all residents and visitors have with sexuality, gender, and family; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia commits to making its community a safer and thriving place for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Asexual, and Non-Binary people; and

WHEREAS, in other states across the country, more than 300 anti-LGBTQ+ bills have been introduced this year with over 130 specifically targeting transgender people, bodily autonomy, and the right to access necessary medical care for trans people; and

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court is expected to overturn Roe v Wade, which would further erode bodily autonomy and the right to access necessary medical care; and any ruling on Roe v Wade that removes the constitutional right to privacy opens the door to criminalizing acts protected by that right, such as private sexual behavior between consenting adults in their own homes, same-sex marriage, interracial marriage, and access to birth control; and

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

WHEREAS, 31 years ago 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, Capital City Pride recognized the City of Olympia with a Key Community Partner award in 2011 as part of the Pride 20th Anniversary recognition; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia is honored to again participate in the Capital City Pride Festival themed “Resilience and Brilliance” to be held June 4, 2022; and

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

***JUNE 2022 as PRIDE MONTH and
JUNE 4 & 5 as CAPITAL CITY PRIDE WEEKEND***

***in the City of Olympia and re-affirms the City's commitment to supporting
and protecting LGBTQ+ communities.***

***SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 24th DAY
OF MAY, 2022.***

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

***Cheryl Selby
Mayor***