

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

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

WHEREAS, our Governor Jay Inslee signed Senate Bill 5462 in March, which will mandate schools to learn about the contributions of underrepresented groups in school, including those in the LGBTQIA+ community; 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, 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 “All Bodies are Pride” to be held the weekend of June 29th 2024, at the Port Plaza & Percival Landing; and

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

*JUNE 2024 as LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH and
JUNE 29th and 30th as CAPITAL CITY PRIDE WEEKEND*

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 4th DAY OF JUNE, 2024

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

Dontae Payne
Mayor