

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia values and celebrates the diversity of all citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia enacted the first LGBTQ rights law in 1986, setting a local standard for upholding LGBTQ rights in Thurston County; and

WHEREAS, 30 years ago Capital City Pride organized the first small town Pride located outside of the relative safety of the big city of Seattle; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia has passed multiple LGBTQ protections since 1986; and

WHEREAS, many City of Olympia Council members have testified before the Washington State Legislature in support of LGBTQ rights over the past 22 years; 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 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, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the large public pride event in Olympia will not take place this year. There will be an in-person event for members of the LGBTQ+ community held on June 26th; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Olympia City Council does hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 to be Capital City Pride Month.

SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2021.

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Cheryl Selby
Mayor*