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City Council

Special Recognition - Proclamation Recognizing Pride Month and Capital City Pride Weekend

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Proclaim the month of June Pride Month and the first weekend in June 2022 Capital City Pride Weekend.

Report

Issue:

Whether to Proclaim the month of June Pride Month and the first weekend in June 2022 Capital City Pride Weekend.

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Presenter(s):

Natalie Coblenz, President and Creative Event Producer, Capital City Pride

Background and Analysis:

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan.

Olympia has a long history of celebrating and supporting the diversity of all its community members and visitors. 31 years ago, Capital City Pride organized the first small town Pride outside of Seattle and has continued its annual celebration since.

The City, its employees, elected officials, community members, places of business and visitors have always enthusiastically participated in Pride festivities every year but due to the COVID-19 pandemic

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the last two Capital City Pride events were celebrated a little differently, and not quite the community-wide festival that was celebrated pre-pandemic.

This year's Capital City Pride festivities will take place in person during the first weekend in June. Proclaiming the first weekend in June as Capital Pride Weekend continues the City's support and celebration of the LGBTQ+ community.

Attachments:

Proclamation