

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969—an act of resistance against police brutality and oppression, and a pivotal moment in the ongoing struggle for LGBTQIA2S+ civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Pride is both a celebration of resilience and joy in LGBTQIA2S+ communities and a reminder that the fight for full equality is far from over; and

WHEREAS, across the country, there has been an alarming and unprecedented surge in legislation targeting LGBTQIA2S+ people—especially transgender, non-binary, and gender-expansive individuals—seeking to restrict access to healthcare, limit expression, and erode fundamental human rights; and

WHEREAS, in the face of these attacks, it is imperative for local and state governments to not only celebrate the diversity of our communities but to actively safeguard the dignity, rights, and safety of LGBTQIA2S+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, Washington State continues to advance protections for LGBTQIA2S+ communities, building on Governor Jay Inslee’s 2024 inclusive education bill with significant 2025 legislation under Governor Bob Ferguson. This includes expanding access to gender-affirming care, aligning parental rights with nondiscrimination laws, improving access to hormone therapy, and streamlining gender marker changes on official documents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia proudly affirms that love is love, trans rights are human rights, and that everyone deserves to live free from fear, discrimination, and violence regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, in 2025, the Olympia City Council adopted Resolution No. M-2591, officially declaring Olympia a Sanctuary City for LGBTQIA2S+ individuals. This resolution strengthens protections, affirms the rights to gender-affirming care and expression, and commits the City to opposing discrimination in all forms; and

WHEREAS, 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, in 2026 Capital City Pride celebrates its 35th anniversary, continuing to uplift and empower our community, creating spaces that celebrate the joy, resilience, and unity of LGBTQIA2S+ people. The three-day celebration produces more than ten empowering stages for performances all led by Queer

Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) Community & Women, reflecting its growing impact and deepening commitment to inclusivity, health, accessibility, and community connection; and

WHEREAS, the City of Olympia honors and celebrates the contributions, creativity, and resilience of the LGBTQIA2S+ community and recommits to being a welcoming, inclusive, and just city for all; and

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

*JUNE 2026 as LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE MONTH and
JUNE 26th, 27th, and 28th as CAPITAL CITY PRIDE WEEKEND*

in the City of Olympia, and reaffirms the City's unwavering commitment to protecting and uplifting LGBTQIA2S+ communities and standing resolutely against hate in all its forms.

*SIGNED IN THE CITY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON THIS 2nd DAY
OF JUNE, 2026*

OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL

*Dontae Payne
Mayor*