

# PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, America's founding principles of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and that "all men are created equal" have been extended through our history to more -- but not yet all -- parts of U.S. society; and

WHEREAS, Whereas Governor Christine Gregoire and the Washington State Legislature adopted Senate Bill 6239, which provides equal protection for all families in Washington by creating equality in civil marriage; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the importance of its residents' and city employees' diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial and sexual orientation and gender identities -- all of which bring important richness to Seattle; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to some of the nation's most active individuals and groups working to ensure the safety and basic legal rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people and their families, including SEqual, the City of Seattle's LGBTQ Employee Association, where city employees work to overcome institutional barriers to equality and social justice for LGBTQ employees and in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has been a leader in taking measures to prohibit discriminatory policies and practices based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and contracting; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle encourages residents to participate in events occurring in Seattle during the month of June 2012, to honor the history of the fight against discrimination and to reenergize efforts to provide all people the opportunity for a life free from discrimination and prejudice -- for there remains much work to be done to achieve full equality including assuring marriage equality;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT  
THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2012 shall be

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month**

in the City of Seattle, and we encourage residents to join us in celebration of successes and ongoing work to break down discrimination and prejudice wherever it exists.



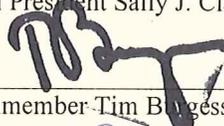
Michael McGinn, Mayor



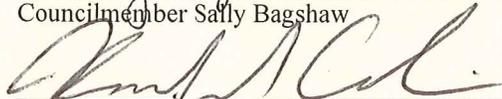
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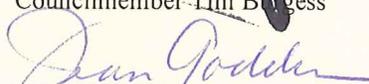
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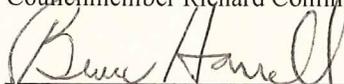
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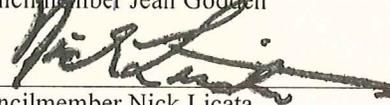
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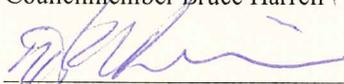
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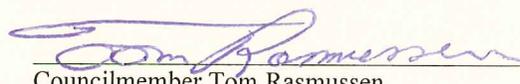
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