*City of Seattle*

# PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS,** equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are among the basic, inalienable moral rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

**WHEREAS,** our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

**WHEREAS,** over the course of our nation's history the sphere of its moral recognition has expanded to include many persons previously marginalized, disenfranchised and subjugated; yet this recognition remains imperfect and this expansion incomplete; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our City; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle is home to some of the nation's most active individuals and organizations working to ensure the full and equal recognition and protection of the fundamental rights and liberties of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people and their families; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle has led the nation in the establishment of policies aimed at the prevention of discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in marriage, employment, housing, health care, human services, public accommodations and contracting; and

**WHEREAS,** the former Stonewall Inn in New York City, a bar frequented by Black and Hispanic gay and transgender people, was the site of the June 27, 1969 riots that sparked the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS,** 40 years ago, Seattle held its first Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender celebration and, each year, during the month of June, encourages residents to honor the history of the fight for equality, celebrate the distance come and recognize how far there is yet to go;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT JUNE IS**

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month

We encourage all residents to celebrate the progress within our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for LGBT persons and to join us in the fights that remain to be won.

Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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