*City of Seattle*

# PROCLAMATION

## CELEBRATING TRANS PRIDE SEATTLE 2016

**WHEREAS,** the recent heinous mass shooting in Orlando, Florida, where 49 members of our LGBTQ community were massacred, highlights the urgent need to build a society free of bigotry; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle is home to one of the largest and most vibrant transgender communities in the country; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle is also home to Ingersoll Gender Center, founded by Marsha Botzer, the oldest and longest-running transgender organization in the country; providing direct support services to individuals, families, friends, businesses and organizations for decades; and

**WHEREAS,** the Gender Justice League, Washington's transgender civil and human rights organization, has mobilized thousands of people to educate, and to celebrate trans, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people on June 24th for Trans Pride Seattle; and

**WHEREAS,** the last five years have seen a significant increase in gains by Gender Justice League, Ingersoll Gender Center, and their allies for the rights of transgender people including the expansion of health insurance nondiscrimination, and the passage of the Washington Human Rights Commission's rules protecting transgender people; and

**WHEREAS,** trans people of color, including Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, and Miss Major Gracie, were some of the first people to resist police repression in the Stonewall Riots, and some of the most powerful, early LGBTQ activists in this country; and

**WHEREAS,** Trans Pride Seattle is celebrating its fourth year elevating the voice and political power of transgender, gender nonconforming people and their allies in Washington State; and

**WHEREAS,** 2016 has seen unprecedented legislative attacks against the trans community in Washington State, and the trans community has demonstrated unwavering courage and commitment to ensure that dignity and human rights are upheld for all; and

**WHEREAS,** nationally, more than 200 anti-LGBT bills were introduced in state legislatures, and transgender people have been at the forefront of the fight against these anti-equality measures; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Seattle stands in celebration of the contributions that trans, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people make to the fabric of our community every day; and

**WHEREAS,** Seattle's 4th annual Trans Pride Seattle is on Friday, June 24, 2016, beginning with a rally and march at 5:00 PM, followed by a celebration at Cal Anderson Park from 7:00 to 10:00 PM;

*Now, therefore,* The Mayor and The Seattle City Council *proclaims:*

**Friday, June 24th, 2016 to be Trans Pride Day in the City of Seattle and encourages all elected officials and Seattle residents to attend Trans Pride Seattle 2016.**

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