



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Redmond is committed to the principles of equity and to uphold the dignity, humanity, and respect of all people; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Inn Uprising in New York City, and was initiated by transgender women of color like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera along with the gay community and their allies who protested police violence, discriminatory laws, and practices, and

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity, respect, equality, and inclusion for our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, intersex, two-spirited, plus (LGBTQIA2+) community has been hard-fought in the streets and in the courts, but the struggle continues; and

WHEREAS, racism, ableism, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia are interconnected and result in continued experiences of prejudice, discrimination, invisibility, marginalization, physical and social emotional attacks, and lack of protections for fundamental rights and dignity in hospitals, schools, public accommodations, and other spaces; and

WHEREAS, across our country in 2021 and 2022, there has been a tragic spike of violence and state targeted legislation against transgender people, particularly transgender Indigenous, Black, and people of color; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recall the trials the LGBTQIA2+ community has endured to advance their rights as human beings. It is also a time to celebrate the communal and individual contributions as well as to reaffirm our commitment to stand in solidarity with their ongoing struggles against discrimination and injustice; and

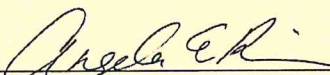
WHEREAS, the City of Redmond joins the call to action that inspires us to live up to our Nation's values of equality, liberty, and justice for all and encourages everyone to stand in our efforts to end violence and discrimination against all our LGBTQIA+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

PRIDE MONTH

in Redmond to celebrate, honor, dignify, and protect our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, asexual, intersex, and two-spirit members of the community and affirm the City's commitment to align our values to our practices so that everyone in the greater Redmond community can enjoy a life without prejudice, bias, or discrimination.





Angela Birney, Mayor

June 1, 2022

Date