



# PROCLAMATION

## Pride Month

**WHEREAS**, The City of Bothell recognizes the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) “Pride Month” and observes Pride Month with a Progress Pride flag raising ceremony to honor the history of the LGBTQIA+ liberation movement and to support every person’s right to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the Progress Pride flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQIA+ people in society, and the City of Bothell is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQIA+ people in our diverse community and their immeasurable impact on cultural, civic, and economic successes; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to be a target of violence, harassment, and discrimination and yet continue to thrive through the efforts of the community itself and through the support of LGBTQIA+ affirming spaces, agencies, and individual allies; and

**WHEREAS**, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community, and is an opportunity to act and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mason Thompson, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as “Pride Month” in support of the LGBTQIA+ community.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Progress Pride flag was raised on May 31<sup>st</sup> at City Hall to recognize all LGBTQIA+ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make the City of Bothell a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.

*Mason Thompson*

Mason Thompson (Jun 6, 2023 18:57 PDT)

Mason Thompson, Mayor