

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQIA+ Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, City Council and staff have committed to make Issaquah an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Issaquah community, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual have the right to feel safe, not be discriminated against and to live without the threat of violence or harassment; and

WHEREAS, supporting Issaquah's LGBTQIA+ community also aligns with the City's Strategic Plan guiding principles of both people and equity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community has made great strides; however, work remains in order to achieve full equality, inclusion and acceptance,

WHEREAS, Issaquah 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,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor of the City of Issaquah do hereby proclaim the month of June to be

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Issaquah, and I invite the community to join me in celebrating the great diversity of our city, our commitment to eliminating prejudice everywhere it exists, respecting the rights of all people, and recognizing the contributions and achievements of the LGBTQIA+ community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the City of Issaquah this 5th day of June 2023.




Mary Lou Pauly, Mayor