

City of Kenmore, Washington

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City and the Council of Kenmore acknowledge and celebrate our diverse population, understanding that the unique tapestry woven by our varied cultures, traditions, beliefs, and experiences is one of our most significant strengths. This diversity and intersectionality of our people enrich our community, fostering an environment of understanding, growth, and unity; and

WHEREAS, we assert and uphold the principle that every individual, regardless of their identity or background, deserves to live in an atmosphere of dignity, respect, and justice. We categorically condemn and will not tolerate any form of discrimination, violence, or hate, holding these acts as affronts to the values we cherish as a community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore honors the invaluable contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community across various fields such as arts, literature, business, labor, and public service. Their creativity, innovation, and dedication enhance the vibrancy and dynamism of our city; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and appreciate the significant strides made by the LGBTQ+ community in advocating for their rights and freedoms. The legalization of marriage equality, the affirmation of identity, and the freedom to love without restriction represent landmark victories not just for the LGBTQ+ community, but for the broader cause of human rights; and

WHEREAS, we recognize with deep concern that the LGBTQ+ community continues to face challenges such as harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and violence. We stand in solidarity with them and vow to fight these injustices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore reaffirms its commitment to creating and maintaining an environment that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristic. We pledge to continuously strive towards enhancing the inclusivity and acceptance within our city; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a celebration of the progress, achievements, and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community. This is a time to highlight and appreciate the numerous contributions made by this community, and to unequivocally assert that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nigel Herbig, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, acting on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as **Pride Month** throughout the City of Kenmore. We invite all members of our community to participate in this celebration, fostering a culture of acceptance, love, and pride across the City of Kenmore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 22nd day of May 2023.



Signed: _____ Attested: _____

Nigel Herbig, Mayor

Michelle Kang, Acting City Clerk