



Office of Mayor PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month nationwide to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising in New York which occurred in June of 1969 and is considered the beginning of the LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month in North Bend is meant to raise awareness of the prejudice and discrimination still facing members of the LGBTQIA+ community and honor their power and perseverance in fighting discrimination in all its forms; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to acknowledge that education remains vital to end discrimination, biases and prejudice. Acceptance is something we must practice and teach to future generations; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel safe, valued, empowered and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, everyone is entitled to equal rights freely granted to all Americans regardless of race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation; and

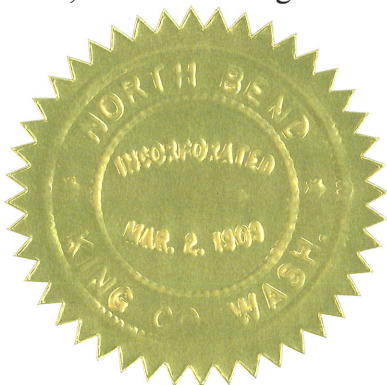
WHEREAS, North Bend, as well as so much of our Valley, cultivates a small-town sense of care and fellowship that is one-to-another, honest-to-goodness interest in the welfare of our next-door neighbors and extending beyond; and

WHEREAS, by becoming a city that embodies these beliefs it creates a safe, vibrant, diverse, and livable city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rob McFarland, Mayor, do hereby proclaim June 2023, as

PRIDE MONTH

in North Bend and encourage all residents to celebrate and affirm their LGBTQIA+ family members, friends and neighbors.



Signed this 1st day of June, 2023

Rob McFarland
Mayor