



The City of Woodinville PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville recognizes the importance of diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, and sexual orientation and gender identities – all of which bring important richness to the City of Woodinville; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people have historically experienced and continue to face discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Americans are deserving of the same dignity, respect, justice and rights afforded to all citizens; a principle bolstered by the Washington State Law Against Discrimination as amended in 2006; the 2012 Washington ESSB 6239 legislation to legalize same sex marriage; and the landmark 2015 decision of the US Supreme Court guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, the fight for equality and dignity for all individuals under the law continues, and equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental to ensuring economic success and personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Woodinville encourages all residents to work together to fight bullying and harassment, and teach respect for everyone, regardless of age, ethnicity, faith, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or any differences that are perceived or real; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, which took place in Manhattan 52 years ago; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the City of Woodinville will display the pride flag at City Hall from June 1- June 30, 2021; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Gary Harris, Mayor of the City of Woodinville, Washington, on behalf of the Woodinville City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as,

Pride Month

in the **CITY OF WOODINVILLE**, and urge that all citizens and community organizations join in this observance.

Signed this 1st day of June 2021.

Mayor Gary Harris