

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In recognition of Pride Month in June, the City of Redmond celebrates and honors the LGBTQIA+ community in their achievements, history, and ongoing struggles to live as their authentic selves.

WHEREAS, In June 1969, a courageous group of Americans rose up to protest the violence and marginalization they faced in what became known as the Stonewall Uprising, a series of protests in response to police harassment and discrimination in New York City's gay community. This unrest was a turning point in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement. The following year in June, the first Pride marches were organized to commemorate the anniversary of the uprising.

WHEREAS, During Pride Month, we honor a movement that has grown stronger, more vibrant, and more inclusive with each year. Pride is a celebration of generations of LGBTQIA+ people, who have fought bravely to live openly and be true to who they are.

WHEREAS, Many of our fellow community members, family members, neighbors, business owners, students, and co-workers contribute to the enrichment of our city and are a valued part of the diverse fabric of our society. It's important to recognize and appreciate their perspectives and lived experiences.

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to celebrate the resilience of the LGBTQIA+ community and their hard-fought victories to advance acceptance and equality, to think about and better understand the daily challenges concerning the intersectionality of racism, ableism, misogyny, homophobia, and transphobia at schools, hospitals, and other spaces.

WHEREAS, We join the call to action, ensuring all LGBTQIA+ community members receive the fundamental rights of liberty, free speech, and freedom of assembly. We must remain dedicated to the continued fight - standing together, united, to protect and build on our progress toward a better, more inclusive, and safer future for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as:

PRIDE MONTH

Redmond, Washington, is an intercultural city in which all people are seen, heard, and valued. We honor and celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community, affirming the City's commitment to eradicating all forms of prejudice, bias, and/or discrimination.



Mayor Angela Birney
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