



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers who enrich the Redmond community; and

WHEREAS, Pride events are held in June to commemorate the June 28, 1969, Stonewall riots that were sparked in response to ongoing police harassment of New York's gay community, and were also the catalyst for establishing safe places for gays and lesbians to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested or jailed; and

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity, equality, and inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people has been hard-fought in the streets and in the courts of this country; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the State of Washington added protection from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity to the Washington law; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, the City of Redmond adopted the Cultural Inclusion resolution that welcomes all community members and visitors regardless of age, race, ethnicity, country of origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, ability, religion, income, political persuasion, or cultural practices; and

WHEREAS, one of Redmond's core values is welcoming, with the City's Community Strategic Plan highlighting inclusion so that residents, workers, and visitors feel safe and accepted;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANGELA BIRNEY, Mayor of the City of Redmond, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

PRIDE MONTH

in Redmond to celebrate lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members of the community and affirm the City's commitment to protect and serve everyone in the greater Redmond community without discrimination.

Angela Birney, Mayor

June 2, 2020

Date