



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In June 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment and persecution of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people. In June 1999, Pride Month was nationally recognized to commemorate these events, spotlight LGBTQ+ voices and highlight advancements in LGBTQ+ rights; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield is enriched by the diversity of our city – including LGBTQ+ residents who contribute to the city's cultural, social and economic life and are leaders in our community; and

WHEREAS, discrimination against people from the LGBTQ+ community around the country make it imperative for cities like Ridgefield to stand up and show support for the equity, dignity and human rights for all residents, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield recognizes the work of local advocates and organizations like the Vancouver NAACP, the SW Washington Chapter of Parents, the Ridgefield High School Club – Unite Ridgefield, and others who work to promote the well-being of LGBTQ+ people; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgefield values the diversity of our community, supports LGBTQ+ rights at local, national and global levels, recognizes the importance of policies that protect against discrimination and promote inclusion, and emphasizes the importance of fostering a culture of acceptance and respect within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON ONSLOW, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2024 as

“PRIDE MONTH”

And encourage all residents to make Ridgefield a stronger community by promoting inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, supporting all fellow community members, preventing the spread of misinformation, and rejecting hate and bias.

Dated this 23rd day of May, 2024.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Ron Onslow, Mayor