



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, During the early morning hours of June 28, 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club in New York City that was considered “illegal.” In the days that followed, patrons and supporters of the Inn resisted the police harassment, leading to violence and riots. Out of this resistance, the LGBTQ+ rights movement was born; and

WHEREAS, One year later, thousands of people gathered for the inaugural Pride parade – to march with Pride and demonstrate for equal rights. In 1999, June was recognized as Pride Month on a federal level as a tribute to those involved in the Stonewall riots; and a commitment to achieving equal justice under the law for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Americans; and

WHEREAS, The City of Ridgefield recognizes that there is strength in the diversity of our community and that all are welcome to live, work and play in our City. LGBTQ+ youth deserve a place where they feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBTQ+ residents should be allowed to live their lives with a feeling of acceptance, belonging, love and support from their neighbors, and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield recognizes the work of local advocates and organizations like the SW Washington Chapter of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays, the Ridgefield High School Club – Unite Ridgefield, and others who work to promote the well-being of LGBTQ+ people, as well as all those affected by discrimination on the basis of gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ+ rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done.

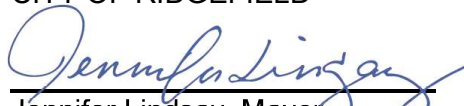
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2022 as

“PRIDE MONTH”

And encourage all residents to honor the valuable contributions of the LGBTQ+ community in our City, to respect our diverse community and to help build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

Dated this 26th day of May, 2022.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD


Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor