



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, In June 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment against members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community. Out of this resistance, the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States was born, and

WHEREAS, In June 1999, the anniversary month of the Stonewall riots was federally recognized as Pride Month. During Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969, recognize the dedication of advocates who strive for a more inclusive society, and commit to achieving equal justice under the law for LGBTQ+ Americans; and

WHEREAS, Progress has been made since 1969, but attitudes and injustice still remain. LGBTQ+ youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and LGBTQ+ families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Ridgefield recognizes the work of local advocates and organizations like the Vancouver NAACP, the SW Washington Chapter of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), 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 City of Ridgefield values the strength in the diversity of our community and is committed to assuring that all people are welcome to live, work, play and learn in our City.

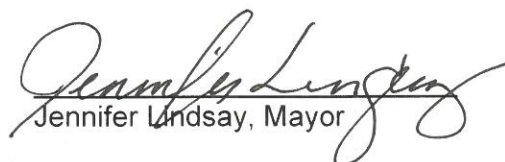
NOW, THEREFORE, I, JENNIFER LINDSAY, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2023 as

“PRIDE MONTH”

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

Dated this 25th day of May, 2023.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD


Jennifer Lindsay, Mayor