



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. The uprising sparked the LGBTQ+ rights movement – a call to action for all of us to live up to our Nation’s promise of equality, liberty and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, during the month of June, we commemorate the events of June 1969, recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ+) community has endured and rejoice in the triumphs of those individuals who have bravely fought for equality; 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 LGBTQ+ rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBTQ+ persons still face obstacles when it comes to accessing many of their rights, including the ability to embrace who they are with pride and the right to social protection; 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+ families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with a feeling of acceptance, belonging, love and support from their neighbors.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DON STOSE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2021 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 celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2021.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

Don Stose, Mayor