



# City of Ellensburg

## PROCLAMATION

### LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH

**Whereas**, on June 11, 1999, President William Clinton issued Proclamation No. 7203 for Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; and on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama issued Proclamation No. 8387 designating June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month, and ended the proclamation by urging the public to "turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists"; and

**Whereas**, in June 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist police harassment and persecution facing LGBTQ Americans, and out of this resistance the LGBTQ rights movement in America was born; and the leaders of the Stonewall uprising and the first major Pride movement were trans women of color; and

**Whereas**, in 1998, President Clinton issued Executive Order 13087 expanding equal opportunity in the Federal government by prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation; and

**Whereas**, on June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Constitution provides same-sex couples the right to marry, making gay marriage legal in all 50 states; and

**Whereas**, we recognize the LGBTQ community has fought tirelessly for their rights from marriage equality to demanding equal protection under the law. While there has been progress, we acknowledge there is more work to be done so LGBTQ youth can live without fear of harassment and LGBTQ families and seniors can live with dignity and respect; and

**Whereas**, we recognize people and organizations who have worked to bring resources and support to our LGBTQ neighbors such as:

Helen Wise, a former Ellensburg City Council member, who came out as the parent of a gay child in the early 1980s through a letter to the editor, was instrumental in establishing a support group for parents and friends of gays and lesbians in 1992, and formalized the group Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in the community in 2000.

Pride of Ellensburg, established in 2015 by community activists, with the goal of inspiring and celebrating love, equality and diversity through local events and outreach; and

Ellensburg's Helen House, which provides a safe space for LGBTQ youth to meet and talk with peers and supportive adults about the issues they face; and

**Whereas**, the City of Ellensburg recognizes and honors the LGBTQ community residing herein who contribute to the strength and vibrancy of our city; and

**Now, Therefore**, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month in Ellensburg, and encourages all citizens to join in this observance by building bridges of understanding and friendship with our LGBTQ+ neighbors.

Signed this 7th day of June, 2021.

  
Attest:  
City Clerk

  
Bruce Tabb  
Mayor