



City of Ellensburg

PROCLAMATION

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH 2022

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

Whereas, since 1999, June is recognized as PRIDE month in this country; 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, there is clear evidence that sexual orientation is rooted in biology, and is not a choice for individuals according to studies published by the National Institute of Health; and

Whereas, the National Institute of Health reports that suicide risk is three to six times greater for lesbian, gay, and bisexual adults than for heterosexual adults and a recent survey by the Trevor Project reports that 45% of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year; and

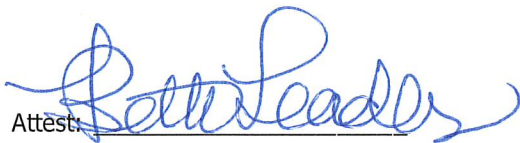
Whereas, recent events in our community indicate that bullying, discrimination and intimidation against the LGBTQ community in Ellensburg continues as an ongoing issue, putting our local youth at greater risk of suicide; and

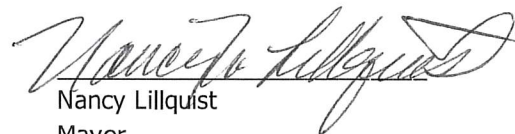
Whereas, these behaviors do not reflect the attitudes and values of the City of Ellensburg; and

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

Now, Therefore, the City Council of the City of Ellensburg does hereby proclaim June 2022 as Pride Month in Ellensburg, and encourages all citizens to treat other persons as you would like to be treated.

Signed this 6th day of June, 2022.

Attest: 
City Clerk


Nancy Lillquist
Mayor