

# Proclamation

*City of Edmonds • Office of the Mayor*

## **JUNE 2023 IS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS,** our nation was founded upon the declaration that all people are created equal; that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are among the inalienable rights of every person; and that each person shall be accorded the equal protection of the law; and

**WHEREAS,** the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides forward, but equality, inclusion, and acceptance have not yet been fully achieved. We must practice these values and teach them to future generations; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Edmonds supports the rights of every citizen to enjoy equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** on June 28, 1969, patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City rose up and resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the LGBTQ+ community. Out of this resistance, the LGBTQ+ rights movement in America was born. During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under the law for the LGBTQ+ community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Mike Nelson, Mayor of the City of Edmonds, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

## **LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

in the City of Edmonds and encourage all residents to celebrate the progress within our society towards justice, equality, and full civic recognition for LGBTQ+ persons and to join together in the struggles that remain to achieve true justice and equality.



Mike Nelson, Mayor ~ June 6, 2023

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