

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Proclamation Declaring June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month		
<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	Community Services		
<b>PRESENTED BY:</b>	Sunil Tolton, Community Services		
<b>ACTION:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Motion
	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proclamation

**ISSUE STATEMENT:**

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated every year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York City. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Many Shoreline youth, adults, residents, and employees identify as LGBTQ or who have friends and family who do. Although much progress has been made through more inclusive LGBTQ policies, discrimination still occurs. In Seattle, LGBTQ-related hate crimes have nearly tripled since 2014 (King County Community Health Needs Assessment 2018/2019). The 2018 Healthy Youth Survey found 29% of students who identify as LGBTQ report more bullying at school than their straight peers (16%). Issuing Shoreline's Pride Month proclamation is a simple action that many other cities have taken to demonstrate that Shoreline is welcoming and committed to being an inclusive city to the LGBTQ community and for all.

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Mayor should sign the proclamation.

Approved By:            City Manager **DT**            City Attorney **MK**



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Shoreline City Council is committed to ensuring that Shoreline is a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of 1969, which is one of the major events that led to the LGBTQ rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, our LGBTQ community members contribute to the cultural fabric of our community, giving their time, talent, labor, and financial resources to supporting Shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, although substantial gains have been achieved, many LGBTQ community members face discrimination simply for being who they are and who they love; and

**WHEREAS**, the struggle for dignity, equality, and LGBTQ rights continues to be important and necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, in solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the Pride flag will fly at Shoreline City Hall for the month of June.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Will Hall, Mayor of the City of Shoreline, on behalf of the Shoreline City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as

## **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH**

in the City of Shoreline and affirm the City's support and acceptance for children, adults, families, and allies of the LGBTQ community.

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Will Hall, Mayor