

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

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| AGENDA TITLE: | Proclamation Declaring June Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month | | |
| DEPARTMENT: | Recreation, Cultural and Community Services | | |
| PRESENTED BY: | Sunni Tolton, Equity and Social Justice Coordinator | | |
| ACTION: | <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 residents and employees identify as LGBTQ, or 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%). By issuing a Pride Month proclamation, Shoreline will be joining many other cities in demonstrating that Shoreline is welcoming and committed to being an inclusive city to the LGBTQ community and for all.

This year the [Progress Pride Flag](#) will fly at City Hall for the month of June. The Progress Pride flag was created by Portland, Oregon graphic designer Daniel Quasar in 2018 to emphasize inclusion. The flag includes a chevron with black and brown stripes to represent marginalized LGBTQ communities of color, and the Transgender Pride Flag colors of pink, light blue and white.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Mayor announce the issuance of 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 Progress 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 2021 as

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

in the City of Shoreline. And through this proclamation, the City of Shoreline affirms its support and acceptance for children, adults, families, and allies of the LGBTQ community.

Will Hall, Mayor