



City of Kenmore, Washington

Pride Month

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Americans are deserving of the same dignity, respect, justice, and rights afforded to all citizens; a principle bolstered by the Washington State Law Against Discrimination as amended in 2006; the 2012 Washington ESSB 6239 legislation to legalize same sex marriage; and the landmark 2015 decision of the US Supreme Court guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 states; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ youth, families, and community members continue to experience discrimination and exclusion in our schools and communities, places of work, and in acquiring housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore recognizes the importance of its residents', students', business owners' and employees' and city employees' diversity of ethical, cultural, racial, and sexual orientation and gender identities - all of which bring important richness to the City of Kenmore; and

WHEREAS, the fight for equality and dignity for all individuals under the law continues, and equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental to ensuring economic success and personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore passed Resolution #17-292, on March 6, 2017, Reaffirming Kenmore as a Safe, Inclusive and Welcoming City for All People, stating that "Kenmore believes in the dignity, equality and constitutional and civil rights of all people, and will not tolerate discrimination, harassment or any behavior that creates fear, isolation or intimidation;" and

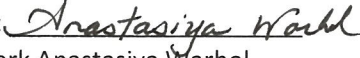
WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore encourages all residents to work together to fight bullying and harassment, and teach respect for everyone, regardless of age, ethnicity, faith, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any differences that are perceived or real; and

WHEREAS, the Kenmore City Council issued proclamations for Pride Week in 2019 and Pride Month in 2020, including flying the Pride Flag at City Hall in June 2020; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a celebration of the contributions made by LGBTQ+ individuals in our community and throughout the nation and recognition that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights, the City Council desires to express its support for this 2020 Proclamation by flying the Pride Flag at Kenmore City Hall during Pride Month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, David Baker, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **the month of June 2021** to be **PRIDE MONTH** throughout the City of Kenmore. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, signed this 24th day of May 2021.

Signed: 
Mayor David Baker

Attested: 
City Clerk Anastasiya Warhol