

COLUMBIA HEIGHTS

PROCLAMATION

Columbia Heights Pride Day: September 12, 2026

The LGBTQIA+ community in Columbia Heights, Minnesota, and around the world has made significant contributions to our cultural and societal fabric, enriching our lives with diversity, resilience, and creativity. Despite facing historical and ongoing challenges such as prejudice, hatred, and misinformation, the LGBTQIA+ community stands strong and perseveres. As a city, it is our responsibility to ensure the protection and support of all community members, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Columbia Heights is committed to fostering inclusivity by updating ordinances to include gender-neutral pronouns and incorporating gender-neutral facilities, such as bathrooms, in our new city hall. We recognize the importance of celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ friends, family members, and neighbors, affirming their rightful place in our community.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor of Columbia Heights, do hereby proclaim September 12, 2026, as **Pride Day** in Columbia Heights, County of Anoka, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

On this day, we encourage all residents to join in celebrating our LGBTQIA+ community and demonstrating our commitment to equality, acceptance, and unity.

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor
September 14, 2026