



City of Ketchum

Proclamation *Pride Month*

- Whereas,** our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and
- Whereas,** in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969 in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ citizens rose up and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and
- Whereas,** LGBTQ pride celebrations take place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and
- Whereas,** The City of Ketchum has a diverse community that includes LGBTQ people and people of all ethnicities, religions and professions; and
- Whereas,** everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred-based race, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Neil Bradshaw, Mayor of the City of Ketchum, do hereby proclaim June as Pride Month in the City of Ketchum, Idaho and urge all citizens to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.