



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+ (LGBTQ+) communities of the greater Puget Sound area are an integral part of the vibrant culture and climate of our area; and

**WHEREAS**, the diverse LGBTQ+ communities continue to contribute to widespread academic, economic, artistic, and social spheres within and around our city; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ+ communities of Puget Sound have thoughtfully organized numerous workshops, sporting events, receptions, festivals, concerts, plays, dances, and a host of other inspired activities to participate in during the celebration of Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Forest Park remains committed to protecting the civil rights of LGBTQ+ communities, as the power and purpose of this iconic event proves vital in our unified effort to forge a more open and just society; and

**WHEREAS**, the active and involved Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+ people and families make an indelible impact upon the quality of life in the Puget Sound, and Pride Month serves as a call to our collective consciousness to persist in the fight to eradicate prejudice and discrimination everywhere.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Lake Forest Park proclaim June 2025 to be

## PRIDE MONTH

in Lake Forest Park and encourage all citizens to recognize the enduring efforts and ongoing contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer+ communities to our city and to our country.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2025

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Thomas French, Mayor