



PROCLAMATION

PRIDE MONTH

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 2024 to be

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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 23rd day of May, 2024.

Thomas W. French, Mayor