

PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-05

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY
AS "DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH".**

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, July is Disability Pride Month, a time to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and resilience of individuals with disabilities, and to promote inclusion, acceptance, and understanding of disability as a natural part of human diversity; and

WHEREAS, people with disabilities make up a significant and valuable portion of our communities, and their unique perspectives, talents, and experiences enrich our society and contribute to our collective progress; and

WHEREAS, Disability Pride Month provides an opportunity to recognize and honor the accomplishments of individuals with disabilities in various fields, including education, employment, arts, sports, science, and advocacy; and

WHEREAS, City of McCleary acknowledges the barriers and challenges faced by individuals with disabilities, including societal attitudes, built and architectural barriers, lack of accessibility, discrimination, and unequal opportunities; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to promote a society that embraces disability as an integral and valued part of human diversity, where all individuals are treated with dignity, respect, and equality, and where barriers to participation and inclusion are eliminated; and

WHEREAS we appreciate the efforts of disability rights activists, organizations, and

advocates who work tirelessly to advance the rights, independence, and well-being of individuals with disabilities, and to create a more inclusive and accessible world for all; and

WHEREAS, the Disability Rights Movement has a long history in Washington State, including the establishment of the Washington School for the Deaf and Washington School for the Blind in Vancouver, Washington on February 3, 1886; and

WHEREAS, we should strive to improve access and inclusion for our residents and visitors who are deaf or hard of hearing, have cognitive disabilities, autism or sensory disabilities, are learning English as a second language, or are limited English proficient.

WHEREAS, the Grays Harbor County Public Health empowers through their Developmental Disability Program and supports those who have developmental or intellectual disabilities or special needs, establishing partnerships with several local organizations such as advocacy groups, schools, the business community, and local, state, and federal agencies and many others to provide support and advocacy for persons with disabilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CHRIS MILLER, AS MAYOR OF THE CITY OF McCLEARY, do hereby proclaim the month of July 2024 as Disability Pride Month in the City of McCleary. I urge all citizens to join us in recognizing the importance of and supporting people and organizations that work tirelessly to improve Grays Harbor County and ensure inclusiveness for all.

ISSUED THIS 3RD DAY JULY, 2024.

CITY OF McCLEARY:

CHRIS MILLER, Mayor

ATTEST:

JENNA AMSBURY, City Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CHRISTOPHER JOHN COKER
City Attorney