



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6518
July 16, 2024
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6518: Disability Pride Month, Proclamation No. 340	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Proclamation No. 340 proclaiming the month of July as Disability Pride Month on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Ali Spietz, Chief of Administration Derek Franklin, YFS Administrator
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 340
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ n/a

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to recognize July as Disability Pride Month on Mercer Island (Exhibit 1).

BACKGROUND

Disability Pride Month is a time to celebrate disabled persons embracing their disabilities as part of their identity, being visible, and rejecting shame and internalized ableism. Originally commemorating the passage of the landmark Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in July 1990, it has evolved into a month-long celebration.

ISSUE/DISCUSSION

Fifteen percent of the world's population is disabled across all races, ages, economic statuses, religions, and gender backgrounds. Youth and Family Services counselors and case workers support disabled Islanders and help them honor and embrace their identities and cope with experiences of marginalization.

This July is a time to honor Islanders with disabilities, helping to end the stigma of disability, and creating a safe space for those with disabilities to celebrate and be celebrated for all their contributions to the community.

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