



## BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6695  
June 3, 2025  
Consent Agenda

### AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6695: Pride Month Proclamation No. 360	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Proclamation No. 360 proclaiming June 2025 as Pride Month on Mercer Island.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Manager
<b>STAFF:</b>	Salim Nice, Mayor Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Sr. Management Analyst
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 360
<b>CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:</b>	n/a

<b>AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE</b>	\$ n/a
<b>AMOUNT BUDGETED</b>	\$ n/a
<b>APPROPRIATION REQUIRED</b>	\$ n/a

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this agenda bill is to recognize the month of June as Pride Month on Mercer Island.

- The month of June is recognized nationally as Pride Month, recognizing, and celebrating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer people and communities.
- The City Council and residents of Mercer Island value an inclusive and welcoming community, and support and celebrate their LGBTQ+ families, students, and neighbors.
- People who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender or Queer experience discrimination in their personal lives, in the workplace, in public spaces, and in their access to critical health care.
- The LGBTQ+ community deserves safety, dignity, and protection from discrimination and violence.

The City of Mercer Island and its partners invite the Mercer Island community to celebrate Pride Month at Mercedale Park on August 7, 2025.

### BACKGROUND

LGBTQ Pride Month is observed throughout the month of June to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, a landmark moment in LGBTQ history. On June 28, 1969, patrons on The Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Manhattan, resisted a police raid, igniting demonstrations and protests that sparked the modern gay rights movement.

Pride Month was first formally recognized on June 11, 1999. Pride Month celebrations typically include parades, marches, speeches, and other educational events. The LGBTQ rainbow pride flag is often prominently displayed throughout the month.

## **ISSUE/DISCUSSION**

Mercer Island is a welcoming community that strives to honor the contributions, experience, and dignity of its residents; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people (LGBTQ+ people) enrich our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and civic life. By acknowledging the importance of Pride Month, we celebrate the progress made toward equal rights while recognizing the ongoing journey toward full acceptance, protection, and understanding.

The fourth annual Pride in the Park celebration will take place on Thursday, August 7 from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. The event will be held in August (as opposed to during Pride Month) to plan on more reliable summer weather, and to coincide with Mostly Music in the Park. All are invited!

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Proclamation No. 360 proclaiming June 2025 as Pride Month on Mercer Island.