



# City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS,** Mercer Island is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people (LGBTQ+ people) are our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who contribute meaningfully to our community.

Pride events are held in June to commemorate the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riots, that were sparked in response to ongoing police harassment of New York's gay community and were also the catalyst for establishing safe places for gays and lesbians to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested or jailed.

The advancement of dignity, equality and inclusion for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people have been hard-fought in the streets and in the courts of this country.

It is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders. The City of Mercer Island remains committed in its support of the LGBTQ+ community in providing spaces for celebration, conversation, and connection.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## **PRIDE MONTH**

**APPROVED,** this 4th day of June 2024.

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Mayor Salim Nice



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