



City of Mercer Island, Washington *Proclamation*

WHEREAS, 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 (LGBTQIA+ people) enrich our neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and civic life.

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.

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.

Let us use this month to reflect on the principles of love, acceptance, and unity that define the character of our community. The City of Mercer Island invites residents to support local initiatives, attend community events, and do their part to foster a welcoming environment where everyone – regardless of who they are or whom they love – feels seen, valued, and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Rosenbaum, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as

PRIDE MONTH

APPROVED, this 2nd day of June 2026.

Mayor Dave Rosenbaum



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