



**BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF MERCER ISLAND**

**AB 6935  
June 2, 2026  
Consent Agenda**

**AGENDA BILL INFORMATION**

<b>TITLE:</b>	AB 6935: Pride Month, Proclamation No. 389	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	Approve Proclamation No. 389 proclaiming June 2026 as Pride Month on Mercer Island.	

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b>	City Council
<b>STAFF:</b>	Mayor Dave Rosenbaum Andrea Larson, City Clerk
<b>COUNCIL LIAISON:</b>	n/a
<b>EXHIBITS:</b>	1. Proclamation No. 389
<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 proclaim the month of June as Pride Month on Mercer Island.

- The month of June is recognized nationally as Pride Month, 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 LGBTQIA+ 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 LGBTQIA+ 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 Mercerdale Park on July 30, 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is observed throughout the month of June to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising, a landmark moment in LGBTQIA+ 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 LGBTQIA+ 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 (LGBTQIA+ 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 City of Mercer Island and its partners will host a “Pride in the Park Night” celebration on July 30, 2026 at Mercedale Park from 6:30-8:30pm during Mostly Music in the Park. All are invited!

## **RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approve Proclamation No. 388 proclaiming June 2026 as Pride Month on Mercer Island.