



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.

Progress has been made toward changing the hearts and minds of people in many parts of the world, and it is crucial to remain intentional in supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

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.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Salim Nice, Mayor of the City of Mercer Island, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

PRIDE MONTH

APPROVED, this 6th day of June 2023

Mayor Salim Nice

Proclamation No. 310

