



BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL CITY OF MERCER ISLAND

AB 6272
June 6, 2023
Consent Agenda

AGENDA BILL INFORMATION

TITLE:	AB 6272: Pride Month, Proclamation No. 310	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Approve Proclamation No. 310 proclaiming the month of June as Pride Month on Mercer Island.	

DEPARTMENT:	City Council
STAFF:	Salim Nice, Mayor Merrill Thomas-Schadt, Sr. Management Analyst
COUNCIL LIAISON:	n/a
EXHIBITS:	1. Proclamation No. 310
CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY:	n/a

AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURE	\$ n/a
AMOUNT BUDGETED	\$ n/a
APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	\$ 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.

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

The Mercer Island community values diversity and celebrates the individuality and humanity of all its residents. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people are our family, friends, neighbors, teachers, and coworkers and enrich the experience of Islanders from all backgrounds.

Last year at Mercerdale Park, the City hosted Mercer Island's first Pride event. Live music, refreshments, and lawn games were provided while Islanders gathered to build community and show support.

On June 17, 2023, Island Pride in the Park will be back, with the support of the Mercer Island High School Queer Straight Alliance, the Mercer Island Middle School QUILTBAG (queer, questioning, unlabeled, intersex, lesbian, trans, two-spirit, bisexual, asexual, gay, genderqueer) group, and several parents and families in the community. All are welcome to enjoy live music, crafts and games, and local treats and refreshments at this family event.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approve Proclamation No. 310 proclaiming the month of June Pride Month on Mercer Island.