

PROCLAMATION

PRIDE MONTH

Whereas, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth; and

Whereas, members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community have fought bravely to live openly and authentically, and to celebrate who they are and who they love; and

Whereas, because of the acts of courage by the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice, and by those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our country has made great strides in recognizing what those brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts - that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character; and

Whereas, the efforts and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community have allowed all to enjoy greater dignity, freedom, justice, and equality; and

Whereas, acknowledgement and education remain essential to help eliminate prejudice wherever it may exist; and

Whereas, the City of Oregon City is unequivocally committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and

Whereas, LGBTQ+ individuals have made immeasurable contributions to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our country; and

Whereas, recognizing, celebrating, and standing with the LGBTQ+ community provides an opportunity for all Oregon City residents to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, advance equal rights, and create a better, more inclusive community.

Now, Therefore, I, Mayor Denyse C. McGriff, hereby proclaim:

June, 2023

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Pride Month

And, call upon the people of Oregon City to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 21st day of June, 2023.

Denyse C. McGriff, Mayor