



City of Stevenson

National Pride Month Mayoral Proclamation – 2024-01

WHEREAS, June is recognized as National Pride Month—a time to honor the lives, history, and social contributions of LGBTQ+ people, and to support the liberation and rights of all people to live free from discrimination, to express themselves freely, and to have autonomy over their own bodies; and

WHEREAS, this nation's laws aspire to the principle that all humans are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and it is our duty to work as a united community to end discrimination and prejudice in any form; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in our nation and the rest of the world experience much higher rates of violence, harassment, and homelessness relative to the general population, and education and acceptance are vital to reduce these harmful experiences, and to improve the safety and mental health of LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month encourages support and advocacy for the members of our community who are LGBTQ+, and is an opportunity to engage in dialogue and action to create a safer and more inclusive future; and

WHEREAS, community Pride events are planned for the month of June including a panel discussion at the Stevenson Library on June 30th from 2-4pm, and the second annual Skamania Pride festival at Teo Park on June 15th from 10am to 1pm; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stevenson, Skamania Pride, Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA), Washington Gorge Action Programs (WAGAP), One Community Health, Skamania County Women's Council, and Culture Seed are committed to defending the dignity and equality of LGBTQ+ people in our community and eliminating discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE, we, the City Council and Mayor of Stevenson join Skamania Pride, SCCDVSA, WAGAP, One Community Health, Skamania County Women's Council and Culture Seed in proclaiming the month of June as

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in Stevenson, Washington; and urge all individuals and groups to join us in this special observance.

Signed on this 16th day of May, 2024

Mayor Scott Anderson