



# *City of Stevenson*

## **National Pride Month Mayoral Proclamation – 2023-02**

**WHEREAS**, June is recognized as National Pride Month—a time to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, it is evident that we must stand together, united, to advance acceptance and pave the way for a more inclusive and safer future for all; and

**WHEREAS**, this nation was founded on the principle that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights, and together as a community we need to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month encourages the spread of awareness and provides support and advocacy for our LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**WHEREAS**, The Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for the LGBTQ+ population in our community; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, the Mayor of Stevenson join Skamania County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault (SCCDVSA) in proclaiming that we stand by the LGBTQ+ community, their loved ones, and allies throughout the country in this fight for equality. We are committed to eliminating discrimination and hereby proclaim the month of June as

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

Signed on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023

Mayor Scott Anderson