

# Proclamation

## *Declaring June 2023 to be Pride Month in the City of Tualatin*

WHEREAS, the City Council's 2030 Vision is for Tualatin to be an inclusive community that promotes equity, diversity, and access in creating a meaningful quality of life for everyone; and

WHEREAS, Tualatin is a community that includes, values, and welcomes diversity in our community, including diversity of sexual orientation and identity; and

WHEREAS, we recognize, support, and appreciate the invaluable contributions of the members of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is internationally recognized by the LGBTQIA+ community to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising in New York City in response to incessant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, many LGBTQIA+ members continue to face harassment and physical violence and LGBTQIA+ members are four times more likely to experience violent victimizations than non-community members; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ youth are almost five times as likely to have attempted suicide compared to straight cisgender youth, and each episode of LGBTQIA+ victimization, such as physical or verbal harassment or abuse, increases the likelihood of self-harming behavior by 2.5 times on average; and

WHEREAS, we remain steadfast in our dedication to eliminate the prejudices and discrimination faced by members of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, we seek to amplify the voices of the LGBTQIA+ community, including youth, allies, and student groups such as Tualatin High School's Gay-Straight Alliance and Hazelbrook Middle School's Aqua Club; and

WHEREAS, we believe that the rich diversity of communities in Tualatin is one of our greatest strengths.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON that:

June 2023 is Pride Month in the City of Tualatin. The community is encouraged to respect and honor our diverse community, celebrate, and build a culture of inclusivity and acceptance.

INTRODUCED AND ADOPTED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

CITY OF TUALATIN, OREGON

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
City Recorder