

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2022-068

Proclaiming June 2022 as Pride Month for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) Community in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. June 2022 marks the 53rd anniversary of the first March on Christopher Street, one year after the riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City which started on June 28, 1969.
- B. The “Stonewall Riots” were a set of demonstrations led by Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie, and other revolutionary activists in response to state sanctioned violence against the LGBTQIA2S+ community through individual and collective action.
- C. Political action is integral to the recognition of PRIDE. The Cooper Do-Nuts Riots, Whitewall Street Induction Center Protest, Compton's Cafeteria Riots, and more as acts of resistance that preceded the Stonewall Riots are also attributed to the birth of the LGBTQIA2S+ movement.
- D. PRIDE is a critical time to recognize queer as an identity that transcends into a politic through challenging the status-quo and the act of disrupting racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism, transphobia, xenophobia, and economic injustice so that all people oppressed by systemic injustice can achieve liberation.
- E. Multnomah County recognizes the impact that colonialism and slavery continues to have in erasing Indigenous and enslaved people’s cultural practices, language and societal recognition for sexual and gender identities that exist outside of and debunk those conventional systems that are engrained into society.
- F. Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) community members have worked tirelessly to interrupt racism in community spaces, as well as homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism, and misogyny in BIPOC spaces. This includes communities coming together to create culturally specific Pride celebrations; Asian Pacific Islander Pride, Portland Black Pride, Portland Latinx Pride, and Queer and Trans Pacific Islander Pride.
- G. Multnomah County has been the site of PRIDE celebrations every third weekend in June since 1976, with the Multnomah County government supporting PRIDE Month celebrations since 1992 led by employees who are part of this community.
- H. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms a commitment to address disproportionate economic and health outcomes and barriers to essential resources and services that this community experiences. We recognize that BIPOC and

transgender members of this community experience bias, discrimination, and systemic oppression in our systems at higher rates due to the intersection of racism, misogyny, heterosexism, and transphobia.

- I. Multnomah County remains committed to deconstructing institutional racism, transphobia, and heterosexism by supporting culturally specific and community led organizations, programs, initiatives, and services.
- J. While Multnomah County's LGBTQIA2S+ community continues to face multiple barriers, to total wellbeing and justice, the community's historic and current social and political efforts are an integral part of the movement for local and global liberation of all people oppressed by systemic injustices.
- H. Multnomah County's Office of Diversity and Equity sponsors Prism and Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC), two Employee Resource Groups that serve over 200 members. These spaces are vital to foster safety, trust, and belonging for their memberships. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms that our employees are also community members. Community needs are also workplace needs, and cannot be separated from each other.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 2022 as PRIDE Month for the LGBTQIA2S+ Community in Multnomah County, Oregon and with this proclamation affirms commitment to supporting the rights, inclusion, and the liberation through justice for all regardless of sexual identity or gender identity.


ADOPTED this 30th day of June, 2022.



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