



# PROCLAMATION

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue is a welcoming community that firmly believes in the City Council’s vision statement: “Bellevue welcomes the world. Our diversity is our strength;” and

**Whereas:** Washington state and King County have led the nation in protecting the civil rights of our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ) neighbors, co-workers, friends and family members; and

**Whereas:** In the movement toward equal rights for LGBTQ people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots; and

**Whereas:** While further progress is needed, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

**Whereas:** The City of Bellevue recognizes the need for the community to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

**Whereas:** In solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the City of Bellevue staff will participate in the 44<sup>th</sup> annual Seattle Pride Parade on June 24 and the pride flag will appear at City Hall from June 18 - 24.

**Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2018** as:**

***Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Pride Month***

The City of Bellevue affirms its support and acceptance for children, adults, parents, families and allies within the LGBTQ community. Further, we are proud of the meaningful, long-lasting impacts the LGBTQ community has made and the contributions it has brought to Bellevue’s rich and diverse history and culture.

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John Chelminiak, Mayor  
City of Bellevue