



City of Bellevue | 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; and

Whereas: In solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the City of Bellevue staff will participate in the 45th annual Seattle Pride Parade on June 30 and the pride flag will appear at City Hall and other Bellevue facilities from June 1 - 30.

Now, therefore, I, John Chelminiak, Mayor of the City of Bellevue, Washington, and on behalf of its City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of **June 2019** 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.

John Chelminiak, Mayor
City of Bellevue