



City of Bellevue | Proclamation

- Whereas:** lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, nonbinary and two-spirit (LGBTQ+) communities are integral to the vibrancy of Bellevue, contributing immeasurably to our city's academic, economic, artistic, cultural, civic and social life; and
- Whereas:** the month of June is designated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, widely recognized as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement and as an opportunity to reflect on the ongoing pursuit of equality, dignity and belonging; and
- Whereas:** Pride Month is a time to celebrate progress achieved through decades of advocacy, leadership and community building while recognizing the continued importance of ensuring all people can live safely, authentically and with dignity; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue is committed to fostering a welcoming community where all residents, employees and visitors are treated with respect and all people can fully participate in civic life; and
- Whereas:** the city remains committed to supporting and respecting LGBTQ+ community members, including transgender and nonbinary individuals, and to fostering a community where all people feel valued, safe and a sense of belonging; and
- Whereas:** the City of Bellevue continues to strengthen community through listening to, learning from and collaborating with LGBTQ+ community members and organizations to help create an inclusive and affirming city for all.

Now, therefore, I, Mo Malakoutian, Mayor of Bellevue, Washington, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2026 as:**

LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month

in Bellevue and celebrate the meaningful contributions and lasting impact of LGBTQIA2S+ community members and invite all residents to participate in Pride Month events and opportunities that celebrate inclusion, belonging and community.

Mo Malakoutian, Mayor
City of Bellevue