

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING)	RESOLUTION NO. 18-4900
JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE)	Introduced by Council President Tom Hughes
MONTH IN THE METRO REGION)	

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to advancing racial equity to address systemic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro Council, staff, and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are among the basic and inalienable moral rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

WHEREAS, June marks the annual recognition of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month throughout the United States, and Portland Latinx Pride Month, both of which Metro sponsors; and

WHEREAS, this month was chosen to commemorate the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of the primarily Black and Latinx gender nonconforming patrons who led the uprising against pervasive state sanctioned police violence against the LGBTQ community at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village in June 1969, which sparked the modern LGBTQ rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; yet this recognition remains imperfect and this expansion incomplete; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ homicides increased by 17 percent nationwide in 2017, disproportionately affecting LGBTQ people of color and gender nonconforming people, with 79 percent of those murdered identified as Black or Latinx, and 69 percent as gender nonconforming; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ identities continue to be unprotected in much of the United States, including by the federal government, yet, Oregon and the Metro region have a commitment to advancing protections for LGBTQ people; and

WHEREAS, advocacy for and acknowledgment of the ongoing struggles faced by LGBTQ communities, especially communities of color, must be recognized and maintained; and

WHEREAS, the Metro region is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, religious and gender identities and sexual orientations of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of the region; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims June as LGBTQ Pride Month. The Council encourages all Metro residents to celebrate and continue the progress within our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for the LGBTQ community.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of June 2018.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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