

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING JUNE)
AS LESBIAN GAY BISEXUAL TRANSGENDER)
AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH IN THE)
METRO REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 19-4999

Introduced by Councilor Christine Lewis in
concurrence with Council President Lynn
Peterson

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

WHEREAS, we celebrate victories that have affirmed freedom and fairness, and we recommit ourselves to completing the work that remains, 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 directed at the LGBTQ community at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village fifty years ago, which sparked the modern LGBTQ rights movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Metro is dedicated 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 moral rights of every person, necessary for the development and exercise of our most vital capacities and preconditions of human flourishing; and

WHEREAS, recognition remains precarious, imperfect, and expansion of rights incomplete and under threat for LGBTQ members of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Metro, as a large employer in the region, has an opportunity to join and lead the cultural shift in workplaces and create policies that create inclusive, affirming spaces for LGBTQ employees; and

WHEREAS, acknowledgment of the ongoing struggles faced by LGBTQ communities must be recognized and advocacy maintained to continue to advance policies and practices that work to eliminate these disparities; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Metro Council that:

1. June is recognized as LGBTQ Pride Month in greater Portland to celebrate and to recognize our diverse and vibrant LGBTQ community, and continue the progress in our culture towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for all;

2. Metro Council recognizes people regardless the shade of your skin, your size or ability, your gender or sexuality or how you express it, who you love, or how you identify—you will be treated with dignity and respect in all of Metro’s policies, programs, services and destinations;
3. Metro is and will continue to take steps to create safer spaces for everyone--residents, visitors and staff.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 13th day of June 2019.

Lynn Peterson, Council President

Approved as to Form:

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