



CITY OF BELLINGHAM
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
KIM LUND

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Bellingham is a city where all should feel valued, safe, welcomed, respected, and affirmed by their peers and the community, and where every family—in all its various forms—deserves a place to call home; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City, after LGBTQ+ persons and their allies rose up to fight against discriminatory laws—some of which have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, Pride celebrations began in Bellingham in 1999. Since that time Pride celebrations in Bellingham have grown in number, size and popularity, offering opportunities for LGBTQ+ community members and allies to honor equity and belonging, acknowledge the history of oppression LGBTQ+ individuals have faced, and bring the community together in joy and celebration of the rights and dignity of all; and

WHEREAS, significant Pride events planned in 2025 include the Western Washington University Pride Celebration and Lavender Graduation ceremony on May 31, an end-of-academic year event celebrating LGBTQ+ community members, students and graduates; and

WHEREAS, also on May 31, the Whatcom Youth Pride Coalition presents the 2025 Youth PRIDE Parade and Festival, offering an opportunity for LGBTQ+ youth and youth allies to walk together in a downtown parade with community members cheering them on along the sidelines, culminating in a resource fair and festival; and

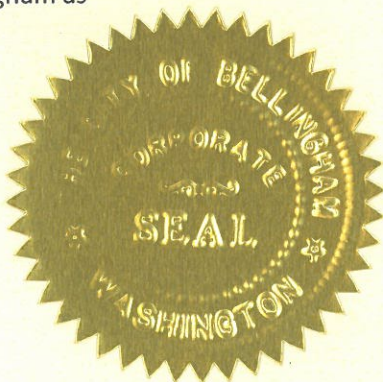
WHEREAS, July 12 – 13 is the 2025 Pride IN Bellingham Parade and Festival, when thousands of people are expected to participate in downtown events throughout the weekend, hosted by dozens of sponsors and volunteers and all offered free of charge for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellingham supports each individual's right to be treated with dignity and to live without fear of violence, intimidation, or discrimination based on group identification or personal characteristics. These include, but are not limited to: race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious belief or non-belief, age, class, disability, veteran or military status, and political opinion.

WHEREAS, we appreciate the value and dignity of each person, recognize the importance of equality and freedom, and acknowledge the positive contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community to actively promote equity, acceptance and love.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Kim Lund, Mayor of Bellingham, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 in the City of Bellingham as

PRIDE MONTH



Signed this 27th day of May 2025

Kim Lund, Mayor