

Proclamation

Whereas, the month of June was designated *Pride Month* to honor the Stonewall Riots, which is commemorating its 50th anniversary and is generally recognized as the catalyst of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ) rights movement; and

Whereas, over 40 years ago the City of Seattle held its first LGBTQ celebration to encourage residents to honor the history of the fight for equality, celebrate the distance come, and recognize how far there is to go; and

Whereas, Washington state and King County have led the nation in protecting the civil rights of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family members; 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 Renton, in partnership and communication with residents, businesses, and schools, is dedicated to building an inclusive city with opportunities for all; and

Whereas, our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer residents contribute to the cultural fabric of our community, and donate their time, talent, labor and financial resources to various community organizations; and

Whereas, in solidarity with the LGBTQ community, the pride flag will appear at Renton City Hall from June 17-23, 2019;

 ${\it Now, therefore, I, Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, do hereby proclaim June 2019 to be}$

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Pride Month

in the City of Renton, and I encourage all citizens to join me in this special observance and recognize the numerous contributions of LGBTQ individuals in the city.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Renton to be affixed this 3rd day of June, 2019.

Denis Law, Mayor of the City of Renton, Washington