

**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: Adiel McKnight, Executive Assistant

DATE: June 5, 2023

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION re: Proclaiming June 2023 as Pride Month

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

June is celebrated as Pride Month around the world, celebrating the human rights and vibrant contributions of the LGBTQ+ community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Olympic Pride has reviewed the attached proclamation and will join us in consideration of the proclamation.

RECOMMENDATION:

That BoCC approve the attached Proclamation proclaiming June as Pride Month in Jefferson County.

REVIEWED BY:

 6/1/23
Mark McCauley, County Administrator Date

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jefferson County, Washington recognizes that sexual and gender identity are fluid and non-binary concepts that all people are free to explore without discrimination; and

WHEREAS, our Nation continues to face tragic levels of violence against transgender people, especially transgender youth and women of color; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals - especially youth who defy sex or gender norms - face bullying and harassment in educational settings and are at a disproportionate risk of self-harm and death by suicide; and

WHEREAS, in its efforts to be safe, diverse and inclusive, Jefferson County actively seeks to implement policy that is fair and protects the rights and dignity of all; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and honor the contributions the LGBTQ+ community makes to the fabric, stability and well-being of our community, including valued employees of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners passed a Human Rights Proclamation on February 6, 2023 declaring our commitment to protecting the inalienable human rights, dignity and equality of all individuals, regardless of age, race, national origin, immigration and citizenship status, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, religion, creed or ability;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners hereby proclaims June 2023 as

Pride Month

In Jefferson County, and encourages all residents and visitors to join with people and organizations around the world in celebrating the spirit of the vibrant LGBTQ+ community and to renew our commitment to ensuring civil rights for all.

PROCLAIMED this 5th day of June, 2022.

SEAL:

JEFFERSON COUNTY
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ATTEST:

Greg Brotherton, Chair

Carolyn Gallaway, CMC
Clerk of the Board

Kate Dean, Member

Heidi Eisenhour, Member