



## A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks recognizes that one of our greatest strengths is the diversity of our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the contributions lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and allied (LGBTQ+) communities have and continue to make essential contributions to society internationally, nationally and in Tacoma; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks stands in solidarity with its LGBTQ+ staff and community and commits to work with intentionality toward full acceptance and equality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, we appreciate Rainbow Center’s leadership and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and their ongoing collaboration with Metro Parks to develop programs and events that welcome, support and celebrate our LGBTQ+ communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks bridges the celebrations of national Pride Month in June and Tacoma Pride in July through a variety of special events and recognitions, including:

- Pride Celebration at both Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park the last weekend in June, featuring a Pride Parade, pride flag- making, and rainbow-themed enrichment activities.
- Pride Movie in the Park – July 14 at People’s Park, featuring Hairspray - presented in partnership with the Grand Cinema and Tacoma Pride.
- Flying Pride flags at venues throughout the park district during the months of June and July as an affirmation of our commitment to human and civil rights for all in Tacoma and the South Sound, and a demonstration of our commitment to make our parks and facilities welcoming and inclusive places for all. And,

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ Tacomans invite all to join them in July for the annual Tacoma Pride Festival to celebrate the history and culture of the LGBTQ+ community and gain greater appreciation for the differences that enrich us all; now, therefore, be it

**PROCLAIMED**, that the Board of Park Commissioners, hereby recognizes and honors the month of July 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Tacoma. We encourage all Tacomans to eliminate prejudice where it exists and celebrate our diversity by joining us in this special observance of our LGBTQ+ friends and neighbors.

The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held June 26, 2023.



ATTEST:



Board President



Board Clerk