



A PROCLAMATION IN CELEBRATION OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, during the Stonewall Uprising on June 28, 1969 a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and allied individuals began a spontaneous protest in response to a police raid on the Stonewall Inn—a popular bar and gathering place for the LGBTQ+ community in Greenwich Village, New York City, and

WHEREAS, this event was a pivotal moment in American history and sparked a national movement demanding equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people; and

WHEREAS, the first observance of Pride occurred in 1970 when activists in New York City organized a “Christopher Street Liberation Day” march in commemoration of the events of Stonewall the previous year, with similar marches in Los Angeles and Chicago attended by thousands of LGBTQ+ individuals and allies; and

WHEREAS, Pride demonstrations and celebrations have taken place for more than a half-century and Pride is celebrated by millions of people in America and around the world to highlight the histories, identities, and experiences of LGBTQ+ people and to continue to advocate for equal rights and protections; and

WHEREAS, we observe National Pride Month in June and Tacoma Pride Month in July by flying Pride flags at venues throughout our District to affirm our commitment to LGBTQ+ rights and to demonstrate our commitment to make our parks and facilities welcoming and inclusive places for all; and

WHEREAS, we are honored to celebrate Pride alongside our community at events including a Pride Celebration at Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium and Northwest Trek Wildlife Park, and an Earth Gay environmental education and restoration event at Wapato Hills Park; and

WHEREAS, Metro Parks Tacoma is grateful for the contributions and leadership of our LGBTQ+ staff, partners, and community members and commits to working alongside them to achieve full acceptance and equality for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Park Commissioners hereby honors and recognizes June as National LGBTQ+ Pride Month and July as Tacoma Pride Month. We encourage members of our community to learn about LGBTQ+ history and take part in celebrations hosted by the Tacoma Pride Festival.


The foregoing proclamation was adopted by the Board of Park Commissioners of the Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma at a regularly scheduled meeting held on June 24, 2024.



ATTEST:



Board President



Board Clerk