

# PROCLAMATION

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR | CITY OF BEAVERTON

- WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton is committed to diversity, equity, inclusion, and mutual respect as fundamental aspects of a healthy community; and
- WHEREAS, the presence, visibility, and celebration of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) community enhances the quality of life in the City of Beaverton; and
- WHEREAS, Gay Pride events are held in June to commemorate the June 28, 1969 Stonewall Riots that were sparked in response to ongoing police harassment of New York's gay community, and were also the catalyst for establishing safe places for gay and lesbian people to be open about their sexual orientation without fear of being arrested or imprisoned; and
- WHEREAS, before the Stonewall riots, there were the August 1966 Compton Cafeteria Riots, which were responding to the violent and constant police harassment of drag queens and trans people, particularly trans women, led by people of color in an attempt to protect themselves and their community; and
- WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community has been the target of discrimination and violence based on gender, sexual orientation, identity, and perceived identity, which conflicts with Beaverton's core values as a community; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights; and
- WHEREAS, this country has witnessed a significant amount of anti-trans legislation that seeks to regard the LGBTQIA+ community as lesser; and
- WHEREAS, Gay Pride events are intended to celebrate visibility and diversity, as well as educate, and foster engagement; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton strives to be a welcoming and safe place where people, families, and institutions thrive and the contributions of all are celebrated and valued; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Beaverton's support of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month reflects a commitment to being an ally and supporting marginalized peoples' rights to love, joy, and expression.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lacey Beaty, Mayor of the City of Beaverton do hereby proclaim June 2022 as:

## *LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH*

in the City of Beaverton.



Lacey Beaty, Mayor

