

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-066

Proclaiming June 2023 as Pride Month for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) Community in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. June 2023 marks the 54th anniversary of the first march on Christopher Street, one year after Stonewall Inn riots in New York City.
- B. The “Stonewall Riots” were a set of demonstrations led by Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie, and other revolutionary activists in response to state sanctioned violence against the LGBTQIA2S+ community through individual and collective action.
- C. Political action is integral to the recognition of PRIDE. The Cooper Do-Nuts Riots, Whitewall Street Induction Center Protest, Compton's Cafeteria Riots, and more as acts of resistance that preceded the Stonewall Riots are also attributed to the birth of the LGBTQIA2S+ movement.
- D. PRIDE is a critical time to recognize queer as an identity that transcends into a politic through challenging the status-quo and the act of disrupting racism, sexism, ableism, heterosexism, transphobia, xenophobia, and economic injustice so that all people oppressed by systemic injustice can achieve liberation.
- E. Multnomah County recognizes the impact that colonialism and slavery continues to have in erasing Indigenous and enslaved people’s cultural practices, language and societal recognition for sexual and gender identities that exist outside of and debunk those conventional systems that are ingrained into society.
- F. Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) community members have worked tirelessly to interrupt racism in community spaces, as well as homophobia, transphobia, heterosexism, and misogyny in BIPOC spaces. This includes communities coming together to create culturally specific Pride celebrations; Asian Pacific Islander Pride, Portland Black Pride, Portland Latinx Pride, and Queer and Trans Pacific Islander Pride.
- G. BIPOC and transgender members of this community continue to experience bias, discrimination, and systemic oppression in our systems at higher rates due to the intersection of racism, misogyny, heterosexism, and transphobia. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms a commitment to address disproportionate economic and health outcomes and barriers to essential resources and services that this community experiences.

- H. The past year has seen a significant wave of anti-trans and anti-queer legislation and organizing. Multnomah County recognizes that LGBTQIA2S+ communities are in present danger and commits to protecting those communities.
- I. Regardless of the backlash against human rights, Multnomah County remains committed to deconstructing institutional racism, transphobia, and heterosexism by supporting culturally specific and community led organizations, programs, initiatives, and services.
- J. Multnomah County's Office of Diversity and Equity sponsors Prism and Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC), two Employee Resource Groups that serve over 300 members. These spaces are vital to foster safety, trust, and belonging for their memberships. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms that our employees are also community members. Community needs are also workplace needs, and cannot be separated from each other.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 2023 as PRIDE Month for the LGBTQIA2S+ Community in Multnomah County, Oregon and with this proclamation affirms commitment to supporting the rights, inclusion, and the liberation through justice for all regardless of sexual identity or gender identity.

ADOPTED this July 13th, 2023.



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