



SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 23-026

**CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY BY DECLARING THE MONTH OF JUNE
PRIDE MONTH, AFFIRMING THAT LGBTQIA+ RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, Snohomish County strives to be an inclusive community committed to celebrating diversity and welcomes all people; and

WHEREAS, all individuals have a right to live, work, and play in an environment that is free from harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, gender non-confirming, pan sexual and 2 spirit (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month is held each June to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Riot in New York City on June 28, 1969, marking the beginning of the LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, despite national progress, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to face discrimination, harassment, hate crimes, hate speech, violence, disparities in healthcare, housing and employment, and the denial of basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community continues to be vulnerable to violence, homelessness and death and in recognition of the fact that LGBTQIA+ youth are at a much greater risk of suicide than their peers and, further, that the UCLA Williams Institute indicates sexual minority adults are twice as likely as the general population to have experienced homelessness in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the contributions that the LGBTQIA+ community has made to the county and supports the LGBTQIA+ community and its allies in their work to make Snohomish County a more equitable, inclusive, and diverse place to live, work, and play;


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby affirm the community recognition of June 2023 as Pride Month in Snohomish County and affirm the LGBTQIA+ community deserves the same love, dignity, safety, and respect as all human beings.

FURTHERMORE, please join Snohomish County Government to acknowledge LGBTQIA+ rights, support community members who identify as LGBTQIA+, and acknowledge the contributions they have made to our county.

APPROVED this 31st day of May, 2023.




Jared Mead
Council Chair



Megan Dunn
Councilmember



Strom Peterson
Councilmember

ATTEST: 

Elena Lao, CMC
Deputy Clerk of the Council