

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL Snohomish County, Washington

RESOLUTION NO. 22-038

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2022 AS PRIDE MONTH IN SNOHOMISH COUNTY AND CELEBRATING OUR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, QUESTIONING, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, PANSEXUAL, AND 2 SPIRIT (LGBTQIA+) COMMUNITY

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, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is held each June to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion 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, during a year of record-breaking anti-gender and anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation around the nation, Snohomish County remains committed to being an ally and protecting the rights of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County is grateful for 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Snohomish County Council hereby recognizes June 2022 as Pride Month in Snohomish County and affirm that LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights.

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

APPROVED this 25th day of May, 2022.

Councilmember

Megan Dunn
Council Chair

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Clerk of the Council