

CITY OF YAKIMA P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBT Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, “every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability; and

WHEREAS, the long and ongoing struggle of transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and other sexual minorities for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all; and

WHEREAS, Yakima celebrates the history and diversity of our city’s lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, two-spirit and non-binary community and promotes a society in which all residents can live free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima recognizes the work of local advocates and organization such as Yakima Pride and The Space, Yakima Neighborhood Health and others who work to promote the well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals, as well as all those affected by discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, Pride month is an opportunity to celebrate this harmony in which we coexist,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as

***“Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender, Queer,
Two-Spirit, and Intersex Pride Month”***

in the City of Yakima and encourage everyone to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, respect the rights of all people, and to celebrate the great diversity of our city.

Dated this 7th day of June, 2022

Janice Deccio, Mayor