

CITY OF YAKIMA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, June is recognized as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Asexual, Aromantic, Queer, Two-Spirit, Non-Binary, and Intersex + Pride Month, and the plus reflects the countless affirmative ways in which people choose to self-identify; and

WHEREAS, the historic Stonewall uprising of 1969 is generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQ+ Rights Movement, and serves as a reminder that progress and equality can only be achieved through determination, resilience, and collective action;

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima values the diversity and contributions of all its residents, including those who identify as LGBTQ+, and recognizes the ongoing struggles and challenges faced by the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima and its officials acknowledge and promote a more respectful, supportive, and inclusive society where LGBTQ+ individuals can live freely, feel safe, and be free from discrimination based on their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Yakima celebrates the contributions and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community, including those of its own residents, and recognizes the important role that LGBTQ+ individuals have played and continue to play in shaping the history and culture of our city;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janice Deccio, Mayor of the City of Yakima, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as

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

in the City of Yakima and encourage all people in our city to join in celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion and equal protection under the law. I further encourage everyone to eliminate prejudice and discriminatory policies and practices toward any culture, race, or group.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2023

Janice Deccio, Mayor