

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, equal access to opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental to ensuring success and personal fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer Americans often still lack equal rights under the law; and

WHEREAS, transgender people across the nation face unprecedented levels of discrimination in housing, employment, education, and public accommodation, as well as attacks on their civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the modern movement for LGBTQ equal rights in this country began with the Stonewall Riots in June of 1969; and

WHEREAS, King County has been a leader in promoting equality by prohibiting discriminatory policies; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle held its first LGBTQ celebration 48 years ago in 1974; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, June 26th, the annual Seattle Pride Parade will take place; and

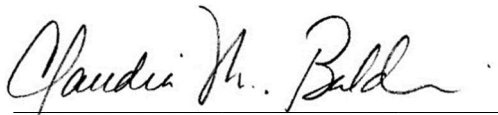
WHEREAS, numerous organizations, such as PrideFest, the Dyke March, White Center Pride, South King County PRIDE Alliance, Eastside Pride PNW and others celebrate diversity and freedom of expression during the month of June across King County;

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Metropolitan King County Council, proclaim June 2022 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

in King County and encourage all county residents to honor the march toward equality for LGBTQ individuals.

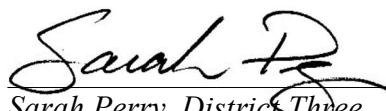
DATED this seventh day of June, 2022.



Claudia Balducci, District Six, Council Chair



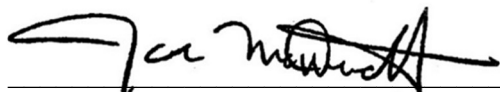
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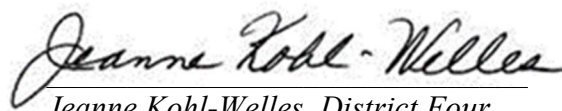
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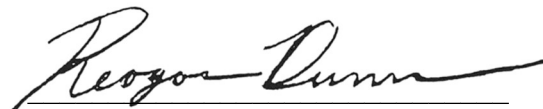
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