

PROCLAMATION

- **WHEREAS**, King County is a leader in advancing equitable policies and practices based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the areas of marriage, employment, education, healthcare, housing, public accommodations, and contracting; and
- WHEREAS, The LGBTQ+ modern movement for equal rights began in June of 1969 with the Stonewall Riots led by trans women of color including Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera; and
- WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community continues to face discrimination in housing, education, adoptions, and employment, and King County recognizes the contributions of LGBTQ+ people to its communities and acknowledges the importance of including Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit (IA2S) individuals, especially Indigenous people, recognizing that there are countless identities and experiences; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle Pride in the Park will kick off the celebrations on Saturday, June 7 at Volunteer Park and the Seattle Pride Parade will fill downtown Seattle's Fourth Avenue on Sunday, June 29, with some 400,000 marchers and spectators; and
- WHEREAS, other local pride events will include the PNW Black Pride Breakfast (May 31st), Burien Pride 2023 (May 30th-June 1st), Run & Walk with Pride 5K (June 1st), Renton Pride (June 7th), White Center Pride Street Festival (June 7th), GSBA Pride Luncheon and Pop-Up Market (June 18th), Georgetown Pride (June 21st), Lambert House Youth Pride Renaissance Party (June 21st), and Trans Pride (June 27th).

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Shannon Braddock, Executive of King County, do hereby proclaim June 2025 to be

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month

in King County. I urge everyone to honor the fight against discrimination and the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people to our County and our society.



Shannon Braddock King County Executive