

Proclamation 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month

The month of June is designated as Pride Month in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots, which occurred during the weekend of June 27-29, 1969, in New York City – giving birth to the modern 2SLGBTQIA+ civil rights movement.

This month of June and every month, the City of Bend stands with the two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and/or questioning, intersex, and asexual (2SLGBTQIA+) community as they declare their Pride in who they are and whom they love.

During Pride Month, we are reminded that our remarkable diversity is a gift that makes all of us stronger, and we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are still fighting to live freely and authentically.

This month we celebrate 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals as crucial community members who contribute to the cultural, civic, and economic success of the City of Bend as part of our dynamic queer community. Members of the queer community are our family, friends, neighbors, leaders, and co-workers who deserve to live freely and fully, equally deserving to love and be loved.

We recognize the residents, students, employees, non-profit organizations, and business owners who contribute to the enrichment of our City, and who are a part of our diverse and growing 2SLGBTQIA+ community in Bend. We are committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in our community.

Ending violence and discrimination against the queer community demands our continued focus and diligence. We are currently witnessing attacks across the country on the dignity and rights of all 2SLGBTQIA+ people, but most specifically transgender adults and youth who are being targeted and denied basic healthcare and human rights. It is vital that our community not be silent nor avert our eyes from the threats our queer community members still face today. As leaders of the City of Bend, we affirm our commitment to do more to support the rights of our 2SLGBTQIA+ community members.

No matter who you love or what your gender identity is, You Are Welcome Here.

Now, therefore, we, the Bend City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Bend, Oregon. In honor of Pride Month, we call upon the people of Bend to recognize the achievements of our local queer community, to celebrate the great diversity of our community, and to wave their flags of Pride high.

Dated June 5, 2024.

Melanie Kebler, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder's Office