

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our country was founded on the principal of freedom and equality for all, but many marginalized communities still have to fight for those basic rights; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem supports the rights of every resident to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Americans still feel the pain of discrimination, violence, and hate for being born; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Salem who contribute to the enrichment of our city are a part of the LGBTQIA+ communities and their contributions to our capital city can be seen in their widespread academic, political, economic, artistic, and social participation in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem accepts and welcomes people of all backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem recognizes support and advocacy groups within our community, such as Capital Pride; Human Rights Commission LGBTQIA+ Intersectional Rights Task Force; PFLAG Salem; Rainbow Youth; Gay Men's Social Club of Salem; Salem Queer Womxn; and HIV Alliance, as contributing organizations that embody the essence of the 1969 spirit that was felt at the Stonewall more than 50 years ago;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chris Hoy, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 2024, as

PRIDE MONTH

and invite everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, while furthering acceptance and diversity in our community.

DATED this tenth day of June, 2024.



Chris Hoy
Mayor