

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, city values include that Salem is open and inclusive to all, including LGBTQ communities, and is committed to supporting their dignity and equity; 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 LGBTQ 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 remains committed to protecting the civil rights of all people in an effort to forge a more open and just society and uses our Human Rights Commission as a vehicle to that means; and

WHEREAS, cities, states, and agencies across the United States recognize and celebrate June as Gay Pride Month and it has become a symbolic month in which the LGBTQ communities, and their supporters, come together in various celebrations of pride; and

WHEREAS, the City of Salem recognizes support and advocacy groups within our community, such as Capitol Pride; Human Rights Commission LGBTQ Rights Task Force; PFLAG Salem; Rainbow Youth; Gay Men's Social Club of Salem; Salem Lavender Womyn; and Salem Transgender Support Network, as contributing organizations that embody the essence of the 1969 spirit that was felt at the Stonewall 50 years ago this month;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Chuck Bennett, Mayor of the City of Salem, do hereby proclaim June 2019 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, 2019.



Chuck Bennett
Mayor