

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

PROCLAMATION NO. 2021-043

Proclaiming June 2021 as Pride Month for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) Community in Multnomah County, Oregon.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- A. June 2021 marks the 51st anniversary of the first March on Christopher Street, one year after the riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City which started on June 28, 1969. Since June 1970, Pride celebrations have been celebrated each year to commemorate the brave actions of the community standing up against state sanctioned oppression led by; Marsha P. Johnson, Silvia Rivera, and Stormé DeLarverie.
- B. Multnomah County has been the site of PRIDE celebrations each third weekend in June since 1976, with the Multnomah County government supporting PRIDE Month celebrations since 1992 led by employees who are members of this community.
- C. Multnomah County recognizes the impact that colonialism and slavery continues to have in erasing Indigenous and enslaved people's cultural practices, language and societal recognition for same sex relationships and gender diverse identities.
- D. Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color (BIPOC) community members have worked tirelessly to interrupt racism in community spaces, as well as homophobia, transphobia and misogyny in BIPOC spaces. This includes communities coming together to create culturally specific Pride celebrations; Asian Pacific Islander Pride, Portland Black Pride, Portland Latinx Pride, and Queer and Trans Pacific Islander Pride.
- E. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms a commitment to address disproportionate economic and health outcomes and barriers to essential resources and services that this community experiences. We recognize that BIPOC and transgender members of this community experience bias and discrimination in our systems at higher rates due to the intersection of racism, misogyny, transphobia, and homophobia.
- F. Multnomah County remains committed to deconstructing institutional racism, transphobia, and homophobia by supporting culturally specific and community led organizations, programs, initiatives, and services.
- G. While this community still continues to face multiple barriers to our livelihoods and wellbeing, we continue to engage in the Multnomah County community as a whole. We remain resilient.
- H. Multnomah County's Office of Diversity and Equity sponsors Prism and Queer and Trans People of Color (QTPOC), two Employee Resource Groups that serve over 200 members. These spaces are vital to foster safety, trust, and belonging for their memberships. Multnomah County acknowledges and affirms that our employees are also

community members. Community needs are also workplace needs, and cannot be separated from each other.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Proclaims:

June 2021 as PRIDE Month for the LGBTQIA2S+ Community in Multnomah County, Oregon and with this proclamation affirms commitment to supporting the rights, inclusion, and the dream of lived equality for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of June, 2021.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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Deborah Kafoury, Chair

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