



# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Inn incident which occurred in June 1969 and is generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQ+ Rights Movement; and

**WHEREAS**, every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to equal protection and benefit of the law without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, and mental or physical disability; and

**WHEREAS**, the long and ongoing struggle of the LGBTQ+ community for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all; and

**WHEREAS**, Coos Bay celebrates the history and diversity of our city's LGBTQ+ community and promotes a society in which all residents can live free from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate this harmony in which we coexist; and

**NOW THEREFORE** I, Joe Benetti, Mayor of the City of Coos Bay, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as

## LGBTQ+ Pride Month

in the City of Coos Bay and encourage everyone to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, respect the rights of all people, and to celebrate the great diversity of our city.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and cause the city seal of the City of Coos Bay to be affixed on the 6th day of June 2023.

  
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Joe Benetti, Mayor

