

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Washington state recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington state has a long-standing tradition of upholding the dignity of the individual, supporting legal equality and fair treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and ensuring that acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, queer, two-spirit, and intersex communities (LGBTQ) contribute to our state's success and strengths in a great number of immeasurable ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ community continues to be a target of violence, harassment, and discrimination by many and yet continue to thrive through the support of LGBTQ-affirming spaces, agencies, and individual allies; and

**WHEREAS**, many states throughout the nation continue to systemically persecute LGBTQ people by passing anti-LGBTQ legislation targeting LGBTQ families, LGBTQ children, transgender athletes, and LGBTQ students; and

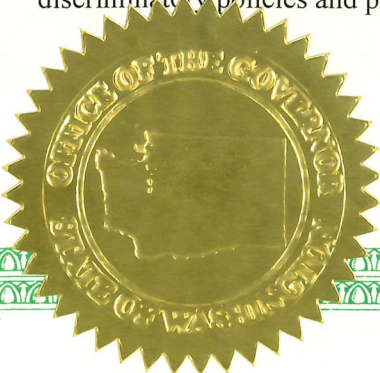
**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has positioned itself as a safe place for LGBTQ people with expanded protections for all; and

**WHEREAS**, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, aromantic, queer, two-spirit, non-binary, and intersex Washingtonians invite all people to join them during the month of June in celebrating the resiliency and contributions of the community with appropriate COVID precautions and safety during this ongoing pandemic;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2022 as

***Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Asexual, Aromantic, Queer,  
Two-Spirit, Non-Binary and Intersex Pride Month***

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join in celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion and equal protection under the law, and I further encourage people to join me in eliminating discriminatory policies and practices toward any culture, race, or group.



Signed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022

Governor Jay Inslee