



# PROCLAMATION

## Pride Month

**LGBTQIA** people are our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers and provide meaningful contributions to our community each and every day; and

**Whereas**, Pride events are held in June to commemorate the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riots that were sparked in response to ongoing harassment of New York's gay community and were also the catalyst for establishing safe places for gays and lesbians to be open about their sexual orientation without fear; and

**Whereas**, equal protection of all people continues to be debated and discussed in legislative bodies and courts at the state and national level and progress continues to be made toward protecting the rights of all people regardless of sexual orientation; and

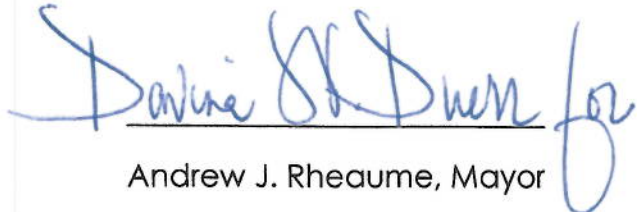
**Whereas**, the City of Bothell rejects discrimination based upon sexual orientation through its values, policies, and practices; and

**Whereas**, the Bothell City Council has made diversity and inclusion a priority within its annual scorecard and supports the continued work of the City's Diversity and Inclusion (DiveIn) Committee to raise awareness and promote an inclusive work environment and community free from discrimination.

**Now, therefore**, I, Andrew J. Rheume, Mayor of the City of Bothell, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as "PRIDE MONTH" in the City of Bothell. The City makes this proclamation to celebrate the LGBTQIA community and as an affirmation of the City's commitment to protect and serve everyone who resides in, works in, or visits Bothell without discrimination and of its belief in the dignity, equality, and civil rights of all people.

Signed this 4th day of June, 2019.



  
Andrew J. Rheume, Mayor