



**King County**

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# Proclamation

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**WHEREAS**, a community that exemplifies the ideals of respect, fairness, diversity, equity, and the freedom to pursue an individually defined quality of life, the Puget Sound's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community has made immeasurable contributions to the fabric of this region; and

**WHEREAS**, Martin Luther King Jr. County applauds the pride and dedication of this region's LGBT residents and honors their contributions to the stability and development of this region; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBT community continues to struggle for equal rights for all people, speaking out against intolerance and discrimination and fighting tirelessly to break down the walls of fear and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, for more than three decades, local Pride Month celebrations have brought together numerous organizations and community groups from throughout this county and across the nation for a variety of fun-filled and educational events; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month and its many celebrations offer everyone an opportunity to recommit themselves to the struggle for civil rights for all people and to value the humanity and dignity of our lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender neighbors;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron Sims, Executive of Martin Luther King Jr. County, do hereby proclaim June 2007 to be

## **Pride Month**

in this county. I encourage all residents to join me in celebrating the spirit and dedication of this vibrant community and to participate in the many Pride Month festivities that will take place throughout the region.



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*Ron Sims*  
*King County Executive*