



King County

Proclamation

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

WHEREAS, we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, a movement that was the defining moment and the catalyst for the LGBT Civil Rights movement and also celebrate the 35th Anniversary of Seattle's Pride Parade; 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

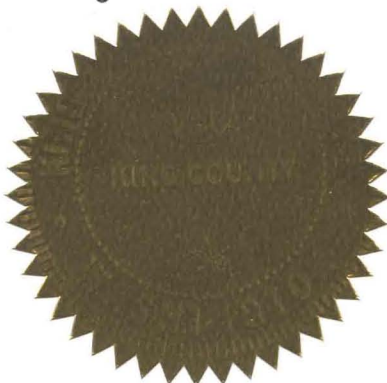
WHEREAS, for more than three decades, local Pride Month celebrations have brought together numerous organizations and groups from throughout this county and across the nation for a variety of fun-filled and educational events; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kurt Triplett, Interim Executive of Martin Luther King Jr. County, do proclaim June 2009 to be

Pride Month

in this great 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.




Kurt Triplett
Interim King County Executive