

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the former Stonewall Inn in New York City, a bar frequented by Black and Hispanic gays, was the site of the June 27, 1969 riots that sparked the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle fosters the value and importance of diversity among its citizens and its employees acknowledging that they cut across ethnic, cultural, racial and sexual orientation boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle celebrates and recognizes the many accomplishments and contributions of its citizens and employees who identify themselves as members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Transgendered (LGBT) community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has taken legal measures to prohibit discriminatory policies and practices based on sexual orientation and identity in the areas of employment, housing and contracting; and

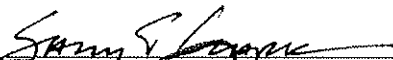
WHEREAS, on April 21, 2007, Governor Christine Gregoire signed legislation treating domestic partners with dignity and respect by clarifying that they have some of the same rights and responsibilities as married couples on issues relating to the health care, incapacity and death of their loved one; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle encourages citizens to join in the 33rd anniversary of festivities occurring in Seattle during the month of June 2007, especially between June 18-24, 2007, that promote tolerance and equal protection under the law.


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE WEEK OF JUNE 18-24, 2007 IS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE WEEK IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON AND WE ASK OUR CITIZENS TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING.




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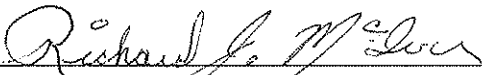
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