

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 and 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 and Transgender (LGBT) community; and

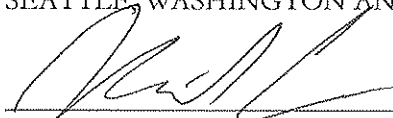
WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has taken legal measures to prohibit discriminatory policies and practices based on sexual orientation and identity in the areas of employment, housing and public accommodation; and

WHEREAS, under law, Washington State now grants domestic partners many of the same rights and responsibilities as married couples on issues relating to the health care, powers of attorney and the death and burial of their loved one; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2008, Governor Christine Gregoire signed legislation granting domestic partners additional statutory rights as spouses, relating to dissolutions, community property, estate planning, taxes, court process, conflicts of interest for public officials and guardianships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle encourages citizens to join in the 34th anniversary of festivities occurring in Seattle during the month of June 2008, that promote tolerance and equal protection under the law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2008 IS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON AND WE ASK OUR CITIZENS TO JOIN US IN CELEBRATING.




Council President Richard Conlin




Councilmember Tom Rasmussen, Sponsor



Councilmember Tim Burgess



Councilmember Sally J. Clark, Sponsor



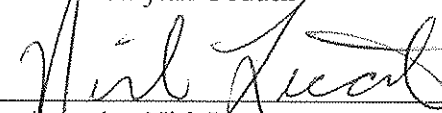
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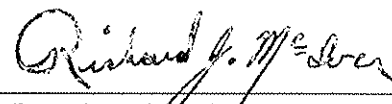
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