

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the city of Seattle is proud to be the home of ethnically, culturally and racially diverse people who contribute to our strength and vitality; and

WHEREAS, the city of Seattle embraces legal equality and fair treatment for all residents, and values the contributions and personal dignity of all people; and since 1975, the citizens of Seattle have been legally protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and protection on the basis of gender identity since 1999; and

WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) communities advocate for the equal rights of all people, speak out against intolerance and discrimination, and break down the walls of fear and prejudice in our city; and

WHEREAS, for the past 37 years, the LGBT community of Seattle has built bridges among the residents of our city and their communities so that we can be a city of extraordinary possibility with opportunity, freedom, and respect for all; and

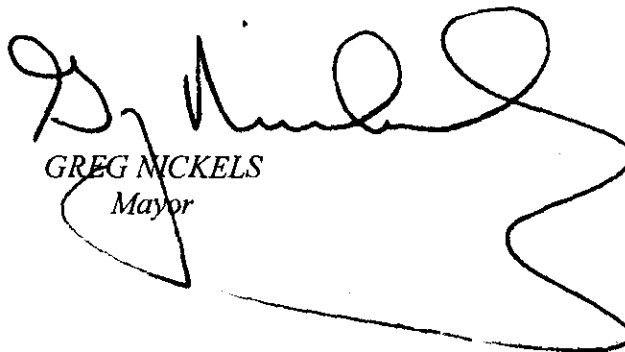
WHEREAS, in June 2007, family, friends, and neighbors will join to honor and recognize the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender communities for their leadership and accomplishments, and to participate in Pride Week, including the Pride Parades on June 23rd and 24th;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the city of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June 2007 to be

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH

in Seattle, and I encourage all citizens to join me in celebrating the spirit and dedication of this extraordinary community.




GREG NICKELS
Mayor