

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is proud to be the home of ethnically, culturally and racially diverse people who live and work here, contributing 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; and

WHEREAS, since 1975 the people of Seattle have been legally protected from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and protected on the basis of gender identity in 1999; and

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

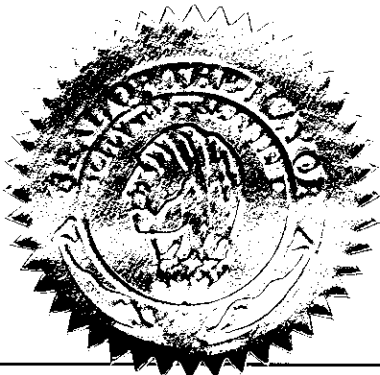
WHEREAS, for the past 38 years, the LGBT community has built bridges among Seattle residents to create a city of extraordinary possibilities, with opportunity, freedom and respect for all; and

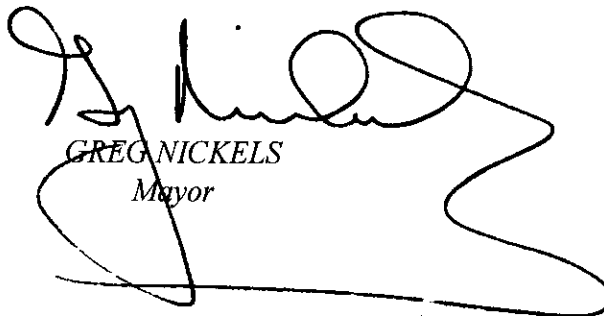
WHEREAS, in June 2008, families, friends and neighbors will join together to honor and recognize the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities for their leadership and their accomplishments, and to participate in the many festivities of Pride Week, including the Pride Parade on June 29, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GREGORY J. NICKELS, Mayor of the City of Seattle, do hereby proclaim June 2008 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