

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY

WHEREAS, Missoula County acknowledges the lasting impacts of the homophobia and transphobia highlighted by acts of physical, mental, emotional and institutional violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and two spirit (LGBTQIA+ and 2S) people and communities both within the United States and internationally; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County and the City of Missoula have diverse LGBTQIA+ and 2S communities and are committed to supporting the safety, visibility, dignity and equality of all our community members; and

WHEREAS, on June 24 and 28, 1969, the New York Police Department conducted a pair of raids on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village, citing anti-LGBTQIA+ and 2S legislation such as masquerade laws to arrest patrons and workers; and

WHEREAS, these raids sparked neighborhood resistance known as the Stonewall Uprising, led by transgender and lesbian activists such as Marsha “Pay It No Mind” Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie, Miss Major and many other transgender women of color, which served as a catalyst for the movement towards LGBTQIA+ and 2S rights, equality and equity; and

WHEREAS, the courage and bravery of these activist in the face of violence served as a catalyst in the United States for greater movement toward 2SLGBTQIA+ rights, equality and equity; and

WHEREAS, while advancements have been made through policy change policies and the equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ and 2S persons throughout the nation, there continues to be discrimination and violence against people in these communities, making it essential for local governments to collectively show support for community members who are impacted; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as LGBTQIA+ and 2S Pride Month nationwide; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred based on gender identity, expression or sexual orientation.

NOW THEREFORE, Missoula County and the City of Missoula do hereby declare the month of June 2022 as LGBTQIA+ and 2S

PRIDE MONTH

CITY OF MISSOULA

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John Engen, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA

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Juanita Vero, Chair

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Josh Slotnick, Commissioner

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