City of Kenmore, Washington Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Kenmore City Council acknowledges and celebrates the City's diverse population, understanding that the unique tapestry woven by our varied cultures, traditions, beliefs, and experiences is one of our most significant strengths; and

WHEREAS, we assert and uphold the principle that every individual, regardless of their identity or background, deserves to live in an atmosphere of dignity, respect, and justice. We categorically condemn and will not tolerate any form of discrimination, violence, or hate, holding these acts as affronts to the values we cherish as a community; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge and appreciate the significant strides made by the LGBTQIA+ community in advocating for their rights and freedoms. The legalization of marriage equality, the affirmation of identity, and the freedom to love without restriction represent landmark victories not just for the LGBTQIA+ community, but for the broader cause of human rights; and

WHEREAS, we recognize with deep concern that the LGBTQIA+ community continues to face challenges such as harassment, intimidation, discrimination, and violence. We stand in solidarity with them and vow to fight these injustices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenmore reaffirms its commitment to creating and maintaining an environment that is safe, inclusive, and welcoming for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other characteristics. We pledge to continuously strive towards enhancing the inclusivity and acceptance within our City; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a celebration of the progress, achievements, and resilience of the LGBTQIA+ community. This is a time to highlight and appreciate the numerous contributions made by this community, and to unequivocally assert that LGBTQIA+ rights are human rights.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Nigel Herbig, Mayor of the City of Kenmore, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2024** as **Pride Month** throughout the City of Kenmore. We encourage all members of our community to continue to foster a culture of acceptance, love, and pride throughout Kenmore.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, signed this 20th day of May 2024.

Signed: NS/H

Nigel Herbig, Mayor

Attested: Anastasua Wan

Anastasiya Warhol, City Clerk