

PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, each June, communities across the United States celebrate Pride Month in honor of the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a pivotal moment that sparked the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement and continues to inspire advocacy for justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, at a time when the LGBTQ+ community faces significant challenges, including ending civil rights programs, rolling back nondiscrimination protections, and limiting access to healthcare, Fircrest remains steadfast in its commitment to inclusion, dignity, and the fundamental rights of all people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest recognizes and values the contributions of our LGBTQ+ residents, visitors, workers, and business owners who help shape a vibrant, inclusive, and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, while we celebrate the strides made in advancing LGBTQ+ rights, we also recognize that building an inclusive community requires ongoing effort, from standing against discrimination to promoting education, visibility, and acceptance at the local level; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month serves not only as a celebration of love, identity, and resilience, but also as a call to action, promoting inclusion, acceptance, and full equality under the law and within our communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fircrest affirms that every person deserves to live openly and authentically, free from prejudice, with the freedom to love and express who they are without fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as **LGBTQ+ Pride Month** in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and encourage all residents to reflect on the importance of inclusion, stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, and continue working together to foster a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and celebrated.

Passed this 27th day of May 2025

Shannon Reynolds, Mayor