



## ***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 LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement and continues to inspire advocacy for equality, dignity, and justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fircrest is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community where all people are treated with respect and valued for who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ residents, employees, business owners, students, families, and visitors contribute greatly to the civic, cultural, and economic vitality of our community and help make Fircrest a stronger and more vibrant place for all; and

**WHEREAS**, while meaningful progress has been made toward greater equality and representation, members of the LGBTQIA+ community continue to face discrimination, barriers to healthcare and housing, threats to civil rights protections, and challenges to their safety and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, transgender and nonbinary individuals in particular continue to face unique challenges in accessing affirming healthcare, stable housing, employment opportunities, and safe public spaces, reinforcing the importance of protecting the dignity, safety, and rights of all people; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is both a celebration of love, identity, resilience, and community, and a reminder of the ongoing work needed to ensure every person can live openly, joyfully, and safely without fear of discrimination or prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fircrest affirms its support for equal rights, opportunity, and belonging for all people, and encourages residents to celebrate diversity, promote understanding, and stand against hate in all forms;

**NOW, THEREFORE, WE, MAYOR AND COUNCILMEMBERS OF THE CITY OF FIRCREST, do hereby proclaim** the month of June 2026 as **LGBTQIA+ Pride Month** in the City of Fircrest, Washington, and encourage all residents to celebrate the contributions, history, and resilience of the LGBTQIA+ community, reflect on the importance of inclusion, and continue working together to build a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and celebrated.

Passed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nikki Bufford", is written over a horizontal line.

Nikki Bufford, Mayor