



**PROCLAMATION  
OF THE PORT OF SEATTLE COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle remains committed to bolstering our public agency’s assets and strengths of equity, diversity, and inclusion, true to our Century Agenda goals and our values of respect, anti-racism and equity, integrity, stewardship, and excellence; and

**WHEREAS,** New York’s June 1969 Stonewall Inn riots made history as an early uprising against the police violence that openly targeted communities and individuals across America identified as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, two-spirited, or more (LGBTQIA2S+ or “trans and queer” for short). These Stonewall protests were led by the Inn’s poor trans Black and Latine patrons joined by homeless youth who lived in the adjacent park. Their fierce fight for the right to live and gather safely, openly, and authentically became a seismic moment in U.S. history; and

**WHEREAS,** 1970’s commemoration of Stonewall included the first Pride march observed by community members in Seattle and several other big cities, and has since become the worldwide recognition, celebration, and political event for trans and queer people it is today; and

**WHEREAS,** these communities’ fight for the dignity, respect, equality, inclusion, and belonging continues in our streets, courts, and legislative chambers, to keep pushing back against deadly attacks, discrimination, police violence, and bigoted laws; and

**WHEREAS,** despite significant progress for their human rights since Stonewall, this year again brought a growing number of laws and legislation rooted in bigotry and homophobia that aim to deny American freedoms of expression and speech protected by the Constitution, crucial gender-affirming medical care, and other life-saving forms of education and legal protections. This year the ACLU is tracking 530 such hateful bills across the country, six of them here in Washington; and

**WHEREAS,** well-loved UW student Juniper Blessing was one of ten trans people we know of slain in May 2026 alone in the U.S. Across our country anti-Blackness, racism, ableism, misogynoir and misogyny, colorism, and anti-immigrant hatred interconnect with transphobia and queerphobia to spur increasing physical attacks and erode protections for fundamental rights and dignity in spaces like hospitals, schools, places of employment, housing, and public accommodations; and

**WHEREAS,** how trans and queer people form and shape their families continue to be an arena in this fight; and

**WHEREAS,** people of color make up 40% of trans and queer adults, and of the 1.3 million immigrant adults identifying as trans and queer, 23% lack adequate documentation. This intersectionality of multiple identities compounds the lived experiences of trans and queer migrants, particularly those of color; and

**WHEREAS,** such experiences spur migration here by those forced to leave home countries or homes in other US states and cities to avoid persecution, state-sponsored attack, and other forms of violence including sexual assault; and infuriatingly , our own country's machinery of incarceration and deportation tears them from their new homes here to send them back into the danger, deprivation, and death they had risked everything to flee; and

**WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle celebrates and values its trans and queer employees, business partners, and community members year-round and during Pride month, in part through support of its Port-Wide Pride and Transgender Inclusivity employee groups. The Port learns from and lifts up their leadership as they work to keep this an employer that can attract and retain its expert workforce through healthcare equity, gender affirming care, family formation, and benefits responsive to the needs of all employees; and

**WHEREAS,** because Pride Month is a time to learn about, reflect on, and honor the trials and contributions of these community members in their fight for human rights, it is an opportunity for the Port of Seattle to commit to solidarity and allyship to eradicate discrimination and injustices for collective liberation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Port of Seattle stands strong against discrimination, threats, and deadly violence against trans and queer people, communities, families, and allies, in accordance with Port values and its belief in equality, liberty, and justice for all.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Port of Seattle Commission hereby proclaims June 2026 - PRIDE MONTH.

Proclaimed by the Port of Seattle Commission this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June 2026.

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