

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, America's founding principles of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" and that "all men are created equal" have been extended through our history to more -- but not yet all -- parts of U.S. society; and
- WHEREAS, equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination are fundamental to ensuring economic success and personal fulfillment; and
- WHEREAS, the former Stonewall Inn in New York City, a bar frequented by Black and Hispanic gays, was the site of the June 27, 1969 riots that sparked the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender civil rights movement; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the importance of its residents' and city employees' diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial and sexual orientation and identities -- all of which bring important richness to Seattle; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle is home to some of the nation's most active individuals and groups working to ensure the safety and basic legal rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) people and their families; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle has been a leader in taking measures to prohibit discriminatory policies and practices based on sexual orientation and identity in the areas of employment, housing, public accommodation, and contracting; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle encourages residents to participate in events occurring in Seattle during the month of June 2010, to honor the history of the fight against discrimination and to reenergize efforts to provide all people the opportunity for a life free from discrimination and prejudice -- for there remains much work to be done to achieve full equality;

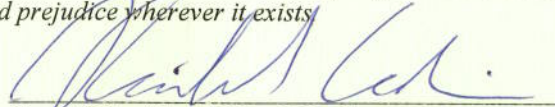
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL THAT
THE MONTH OF JUNE, 2010 shall be

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month

in the City of Seattle, and we encourage residents to join us in celebration of successes and ongoing work to break down discrimination and prejudice wherever it exists



Michael McGinn, Mayor



Council President Richard Conlin



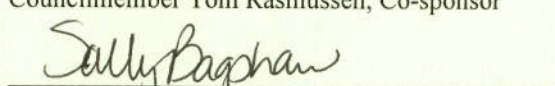
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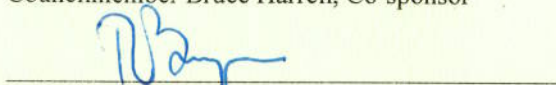
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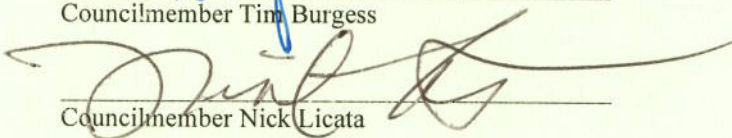
Councilmember Sally Bagshaw



Councilmember Tim Burgess



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Councilmember Nick Licata



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