

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Seattle is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of the ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our City; and

WHEREAS, Seattle is home to some of the nation's most active individuals and organizations working to ensure the full and equal recognition and protection of the fundamental rights and liberties of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people and their families; and

WHEREAS, Seattle has led the nation in establishing policies to prevent discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity in marriage, employment, housing, health care, human services, public accommodations and contracting; and

WHEREAS, our nation has made great progress on LGBTQ equality and inclusion, yet we continue to see states roll back civil rights protections for LGBTQ people, particularly for members of the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, equal opportunity and freedom from discrimination are basic, inalienable human rights, and Seattle will continue to speak out against injustice and stand with those who are fighting for equality; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ pride month recognizes the riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City in June 1969 that sparked the LGBTQ civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, more than 40 years ago, Seattle held its first LGBTQ celebration and, each year, during the month of June, encourages residents to honor the history of the fight for equality, celebrate the distance come and recognize how far there is yet to go;

*NOW, THEREFORE, THE SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR DO HEREBY
PROCLAIM JUNE 2016 TO BE*

LGBTQ Pride Month

And encourage all residents to celebrate the progress made towards justice, equality and full civic recognition for LGBTQ persons and to join us in the fights that remain to be won.

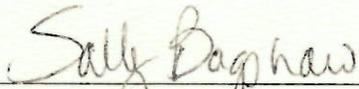
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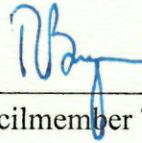
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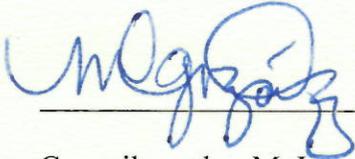
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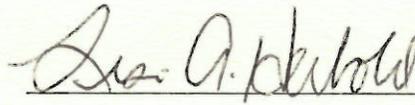
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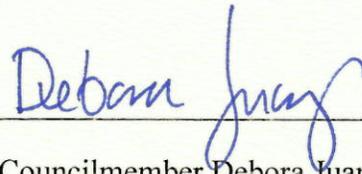
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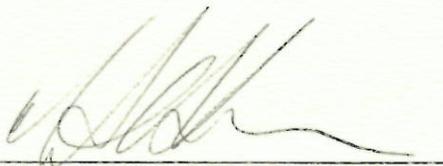
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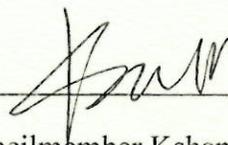
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