



LGBTQ+ Pride Month Resolution

WHEREAS, the Parkrose School Board cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in Parkrose School District to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the Parkrose School Board denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the Parkrose School Board appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Parkrose School Board declares the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Parkrose School District and urges residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

Adopted this 14th day of June, 2021.

Signed, Sonja McKenzie, Chair Parkrose School District Board of Directors:

Attest, Michael Lopes Serrao, Superintendent Parkrose School District: