



Proclamation Designating June as LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month in MESD

Whereas, June was chosen to commemorate the dedication, bravery, and sacrifice of those who led the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Tavern in Greenwich Village, which sparked the LGBTQIA2S+ movement in the United States.

Whereas, LGBTQIA2S+ students and employees engaged in our schools and component school districts continue to confront discrimination, bullying, stereotyping, harassment, and violence.

Whereas, Multnomah Education Service District supports the rights of every individual to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

Whereas, the district affirms that all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

Whereas, the district accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

Whereas, while we as a society at large are slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Multnomah ESD Board of Directors recognize and support our LGBTQIA2S+ community and celebrate their contributions to our district.

Signed:

Chair, Renee Anderson, MESD Board of Directors

Attest:

Superintendent, Dr. Paul Coakley