



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month has its roots in the Stonewall Uprising, which occurred in New York City in June 1969. The uprising was a turning point for the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights movement, sparked by a series of protests against police harassment and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, In June 1999, Pride Month was nationally recognized to commemorate these events and celebrate the vibrant diversity of the LGBTQ+ community. Pride Month also serves as a reminder that the fight for LGBTQ+ rights is ongoing; and

**WHEREAS**, Ridgefield is enriched by the diversity of our city – including LGBTQ+ residents who contribute to the city’s cultural, social and economic life and are leaders in our community; and

**WHEREAS**, discrimination against people from the LGBTQ+ community around the country makes it imperative for cities like Ridgefield to stand up and show support for the equity, dignity and human rights for all residents, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression; and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Ridgefield supports LGBTQ+ rights at local, national and global levels, recognizes the importance of policies that protect against discrimination and promote inclusion, and emphasizes the importance of fostering a culture of acceptance and respect within the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, MATT COLE, Mayor of the City of Ridgefield, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as

### “PRIDE MONTH”

And encourage all residents to make Ridgefield a stronger community by promoting inclusiveness, celebrating diversity, supporting all fellow community members, preventing the spread of misinformation, and rejecting hate and bias.

Dated this 22nd day of May 2025.

CITY OF RIDGEFIELD

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Matt Cole, Mayor