

PROCLAMATION

MISSOULA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

WHEREAS, Missoula County and the City of Missoula acknowledge the lasting impacts of homophobia and transphobia, which have manifested through acts of physical, mental, emotional and institutional violence against lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual and Two Spirit (LGBTQIA+ and 2S) individuals and communities, both in the United States and globally; and

WHEREAS, Missoula County and the City of Missoula are home to diverse LGBTQIA+ and 2S communities and are committed to supporting the safety, visibility, dignity and equality of all residents; and

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969, the New York Police Department conducted two raids on the Stonewall Inn, a popular gay bar in Greenwich Village, using anti-LGBTQIA+ and 2S laws, such as masquerade laws, to arrest patrons and workers; and

WHEREAS, these raids sparked neighborhood resistance known as the Stonewall Uprising, led by transgender and lesbian activists such as Marsha “Pay It No Mind” Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Stormé DeLarverie, Miss Major and many other transgender women of color; and the courage of these activists in the face of violence became a rallying call for the LGBTQIA+ and 2S rights movement in the United States; and

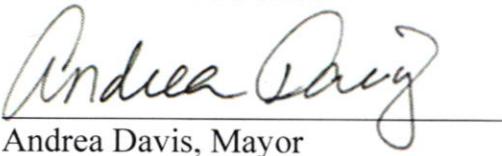
WHEREAS, while significant progress has been made toward policy reform and equitable treatment of LGBTQIA+ and 2S people, there are renewed efforts to discriminate and inflict harm upon these communities, making it essential for local governments to stand in solidarity and take action to support those affected;

NOW THEREFORE, Missoula County and the City of Missoula do hereby proclaim the month of June 2025 as LGBTQIA+ and 2S

PRIDE MONTH

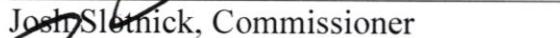
and invite all residents to observe this month through community programs, ceremonies and activities, and by visiting missoula-pride.com.

CITY OF MISSOULA


Andrea Davis, Mayor

COUNTY OF MISSOULA


Juanita Vero, Chair


Josh Sletnick, Commissioner


David Strohmaier, Commissioner

