

# City of Vancouver, Washington

## Proclamation

- WHEREAS, “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ” began in 1993 to celebrate the defeat of two anti-gay initiatives, Initiative 608 and 618; and
- WHEREAS, “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ” is the longest running LGBTQ2S+ Pride Event in Southwestern Washington celebrating its 31st year and 28th event; and
- WHEREAS, This celebration displays the city’s commitment to support all community members and its ongoing work toward becoming a safe place for LGBTQ2S+ people with expanded protections for all, and
- WHEREAS, “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ” is a positive, open, family-focused, inclusive lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and Two Spirit community event; and
- WHEREAS, the LGBTQ2S+ community continues to be a target of violence, harassment, and discrimination by many and yet continue to thrive through the support of LGBTQ2S+ - affirming spaces, agencies, and individual allies, and
- WHEREAS, “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ” creates a safe, visible, and affirming festival to promote communication and dialogue between the LGBTQ2S+ people and their families with the entire community; and
- WHEREAS, “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ” celebrates all of Vancouver’s diverse communities in an expression of unity, discriminating against none, and promoting a healthy inclusive environment for the entire community of the Greater Vancouver Area.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Anne McEnery-Ogle, Mayor of Vancouver, Washington, do hereby proclaim  
13<sup>th</sup> day in July as:

### “ Saturday in the Park Pride Event ”

in the City of Vancouver and invite all people in celebrating the resiliency and contributions of the LGBTQ2S+ community



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Vancouver to be affixed this 13th day of July 2024.

*Anne McEnery-Ogle*  
ANNE McENERY-OGLE, MAYOR