

**RESOLUTION NO. 21-19
OF EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 15
SNOHOMISH COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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THE EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT PROCLAIMS JUNE AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE
EDMONDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the struggle for acceptance, simple human dignity, and equality under the law for LGBTQ+ people is evidenced by the dedicated advocates and allies who endeavor to create a more inclusive society; and,

WHEREAS, June marks the anniversary of the first Pride Parade, which came one year after the Stonewall Uprising -- six nights of riots sparked when LGBTQ+ people, led by transgender women of color like Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, resisted police harassment and brutality during an early morning bar raid; this historic moment served as a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States and around the world; and,

WHEREAS, the decades since have been one of struggle and celebration for the LGBTQ+ community; despite increased support and acceptance, LGBTQ+ young people still face many challenges; without accepting families they are 140 percent more likely to experience homelessness and nearly five times more likely to attempt suicide; and,

WHEREAS, a 2020 study from GLSEN (Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network) found that 87 percent of LGBTQ+ middle and high school students often hear negative remarks about transgender people in school; more than 70 percent of LGBTQ+ middle and high school students were verbally harassed in the past year because of their sexual orientation; 60 percent of Latinx LGBTQ+ middle and high school students experienced bullying based on their gender identity; nearly 60 percent of Black LGBTQ+ middle and high school students experienced bullying based on their sexual orientation; and,

WHEREAS, the Edmonds School Board recognizes the urgency of its charge to foster a responsive, caring, and inclusive culture where all feel valued, supported, and hopeful; Edmonds School Board policy 3210 seeks to protect students, educators, and other staff from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity; the Edmonds School Board appreciates the many contributions made by LGBTQ+ students, educators, staff, and families to the vibrancy of the broader school community; Edmonds has a richly diverse LGBTQ+ community that includes people from all walks of life who should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, or violence;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Edmonds School District #15, Snohomish County, as follows: on behalf of the students, educators, and families of Edmonds School District, does hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Edmonds School District; and in the spirit of Edmonds, that the Edmonds School Board urges all to respect and honor our diverse community, to share age-appropriate readings and activities with students about the achievements, culture, and struggles of the LGBTQ+ community, and to build a culture of inclusivity and equity, not only during LGBTQ+ Pride Month but during the other eleven months of the year as well.

ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Edmonds School District #15, Snohomish County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 25th day of May, 2021