

# Whereas

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*Now, therefore,* I, Ted Wheeler, Mayor of the City of Portland, Oregon, the “City of Roses,” do hereby proclaim June of 2021 to be

*Portland Pride Month*

In Portland and encourage all residents to observe this month.



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## Proclaim June 2021 to be Portland Pride Month

### Proclamation

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### Introduced by

[Mayor Ted Wheeler](#)

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### Prepared by

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### Date Prepared

June 10, 2021

### Requested Council Date

June 23, 2021 12:00 pm

### Requested Agenda Type

Time Certain

### Requested Start Time

10:15 am

### Time Requested

30 minutes

## Documents and Exhibits

 [\\_portland-pride-proclamation.pdf](#) (404.66 Kb)

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