



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



PUYALLUP TRIBAL COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 200619

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe has existed since creation as the aboriginal people who are the owners and guardians of their lands and water; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribe is an independent sovereign nation, having historically negotiated with several foreign nations, including the United States in the Medicine Creek Treaty; and

WHEREAS, the Puyallup Tribal Council is the governing body of the Puyallup Tribe in accordance with the authority of its sovereign rights as the aboriginal owners and guardians of their lands and water, reaffirmed in the Medicine Creek Treaty, and their Constitution and By-Laws, as amended and approved by the Tribe and the Assistant Secretary of the Interior; and

Resolution declares and proclaims the month of July as Pride Month in support for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, 2/Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA2) members, families, and staff.

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2014, the Puyallup Tribal Council resolved pursuant to Resolution 090714A to assure that ALL their people are treated equally and fairly by extending its recognition and protection to same sex unions under the laws of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians; and

WHEREAS, prior to colonization of America, tribal nations across the country had long and respected histories of respect and inclusion of those in their communities who might now be described as Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender (LGBT); and

WHEREAS, there are many acronyms that may be used; opting for inclusion, LGBTQIA2 will be used to identify Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Asexual, 2/Two-Spirit; and

WHEREAS, individuals from the LGBTQIA2 community have been targets of discrimination, inequality, and violence, carrying with it extremely harmful and even lethal effects; these disparities lead to cumulative outcomes that affect every area of life; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA2 youth experience an increased bullying, resulting in higher rates of truancy, incarceration, elevated levels of self-harm, attempted suicide, and suicide;

WHEREAS, other state and local governments including the City of Tacoma have proclaimed certain months such as July 2019 Pride Month in celebration of self-expression and identity, and in recognition of the need for continued social justice work in the journey to full acceptance and equality; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Puyallup Tribal Council affirms its commitment to promoting the principle of non-discrimination, safety, trust, and to supporting and strengthening individual members, families, and staff; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Puyallup Tribal Council does hereby solemnly declare and proclaim the month of July of every year shall hereafter be known as Pride Month in celebration and appreciation of the great diversity added by our LGBTQIA2 members, families, and staff; and


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Puyallup Tribal Council the Council Chairman (David Bean), and in his absence, the Vice-Chair (Bill Sterud), to execute this Resolution.

CERTIFICATION

I, Rosalee McCloud, Secretary of the Puyallup Tribal Council of the Puyallup Reservation do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted at a Regular Meeting of the Puyallup Tribal Council held on the Puyallup Indian Reservation, on the 20 day of June 2019, a quorum being present with a vote of 3 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining and 1 Not Voting its adoption.

BY: Rosalee McCloud
Secretary, Puyallup Tribal Council

ATTEST:



David Z. Bean, Chairman
or Bill Sterud, Vice-Chair
Puyallup Tribal Council