



Office of the Mayor  
CITY OF VANCOUVER  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

# Proclamation

## "PRIDE WEEK"

- WHEREAS All individuals seek recognition and respect of their human and civil rights, which are accorded to citizens in a free and democratic society, regardless of race, culture, creed, gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation;
  - AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver has been a pioneer in celebrating Pride, and is tremendously enriched by the social, economic and cultural contributions of the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer and Gender Diverse (2SLGBTQ+) communities;
  - AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver values diversity as one of our most fundamental strengths, and is resolutely committed as a community to ending homophobia and transphobia in all of their forms and protecting the most marginalized members and BIPOC within 2SLGBTQ+ communities;
  - AND WHEREAS The City of Vancouver Celebrates the five decades that have passed since the beginning of the decriminalization of homosexuality, while acknowledging that the 2SLGBTQ+ population in Vancouver and globally continues to face many challenges;
  - AND WHEREAS Hundreds of thousands of residents and visitors alike have come together each year during Vancouver's Pride events to celebrate our uniqueness as 2SLGBTQ+ individuals, as well as our shared sense of community, our goals and our achievements;
  - AND WHEREAS This year, due to COVID-19, where connection is more important than ever, we are proud to host a virtual pride celebration and to open our city and our hearts through a digital line-up of events that recognize the equality, diversity, and the unique contributions of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to our city:
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kennedy Stewart, Mayor of the City of Vancouver, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the period from July 26th to August 1st, 2021 as

## "PRIDE WEEK"

in the City of Vancouver.

Kennedy Stewart  
MAYOR

