

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle is strengthened by the rich diversity of our communities – acknowledging the significant contributions made by individuals and organizations toward the advancement of equality and justice; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle Gay News has served as a vital voice for the LGBTQ+ community since its founding in 1974 – providing news, advocacy, and a platform for dialogue on issues affecting LGBTQ+ individuals through both the triumphs and adversity, including the AIDS epidemic, the founding of Seattle Pride celebrations, and the recognition of marriage equality; and
- WHEREAS, serving an instrumental role in chronicling the history of the LGBTQ+ community in Seattle and beyond, Seattle Gay News has created one of the largest archives of its kind – with complete sets available at institutions such as the University of Washington, Yale University, and the Stonewall Museum; and
- WHEREAS, George Bakan served as publisher and editor of Seattle Gay News from 1982 until his passing in 2020 – ensuring that the stories and experiences of LGBTQ+ individuals were heard, respected, and valued; and
- WHEREAS, the University of Washington has created an exhibit of Seattle Gay News’s history currently on display at the Seattle Central Library from June 24 to August 26; and
- WHEREAS, during Pride Month – and every month – the City of Seattle stands with the LGBTQ+ community in celebration of the progress we have made in the fight for justice, inclusion, and equity while reaffirming our commitment to support LGBTQ+ rights; and
- WHEREAS, Seattle Gay News has built a legacy advancing the importance of free press and the power of storytelling in the fight for equality – exemplifying the very values of our One Seattle vision’s commitment to inclusivity, understanding, and support for the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of Seattle recognizes the 50th anniversary of Seattle Gay News – celebrating its enduring presence and vast contributions that have and continue to build a city that all neighbors and residents can be proud of.

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRUCE A. HARRELL, MAYOR OF SEATTLE, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM
JUNE 27, 2024 TO BE*

SEATTLE GAY NEWS DAY

Bruce A. Harrell

Mayor Bruce A. Harrell
City of Seattle

