

## **Declaration Celebrating Pridefest**

**September 2020**

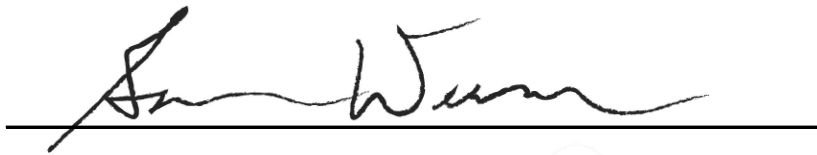
The City of Boulder recognizes and honors the LGBTQ+ community in partnership with Out Boulder County by celebrating Pridefest in the month of September. As we celebrate, we are reminded of the remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years. The LGBTQ+ community has worked tirelessly for recognition and respect, fighting court battles from marriage equality to equal protection under the law.

The city of Boulder continues to demonstrate support for our LGBTQ+ residents and visitors, with many major accomplishments just in the last few years. In 2017 the city's Police Department partnered with Out Boulder County to create an LGBTQ+ Liaison Program, and in 2018 the city appointed their first Executive LGBTQ+ Liaison in the City Manager's Office. These liaisons work more closely with those members of the community and city officials to better support LGBTQ+ people and advance the city's goals of inclusiveness. In 2020 the city approved an All Gender Bathroom Building Code Update and the Boulder Public Library unveiled newly renovated, all-gender restrooms to ensure increased privacy and comfort for all users. From restrooms to the road, the city also led an initiative for painting rainbows on downtown crosswalks, and a Philadelphia flag mural to specifically recognize people of color in the LGBTQ+ community.

Pridefest celebrations may look different this year, but no matter the circumstances, we are proud to support our LGBTQ+ community's right to live out loud in Boulder.



Boulder is proud to be a partner in the ongoing efforts to expand and enhance equality for all people, and there still remains much work to do to extend that promise to everyone. The City Council of the City of Boulder urges all residents to join in celebration of our diverse community and help to build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

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Sam Weaver, Mayor

