

**The Office of The Mayor
City & Borough of Juneau, Alaska**

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride is sponsored each year by Southeast Gay and Lesbian Alliance and PFLAG Juneau (Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), two organizations that provide a full range of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) social and support services; and

WHEREAS, The capital city is home to many well-respected LGBT leaders in all professional fields, including the arts, medical, legal, business, and faith communities; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride 2014 is a celebration of Alaska's diversity and of the LGBT community's tremendous contributions to the local, statewide, national and world community; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride 2014 commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Riots, considered by many to be the catalyst for the LGBT movement for civil rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride 2014 is an opportunity to unite individuals, organizations, businesses and community leaders in support of freedom from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride 2014 promotes dignity, equality, and self-affirmation for LGBT Alaskans, thus supporting all Juneau residents' efforts to participate fully in the social and economic life of our city; and

WHEREAS, Juneau Pride 2014 will share its celebration by inviting the entire Juneau community to participate in a week of cultural events, beginning Monday June 16th and highlighted by the annual Pride Picnic, held at Sandy Beach on Saturday, June 21st from 12:00-4:00 pm.

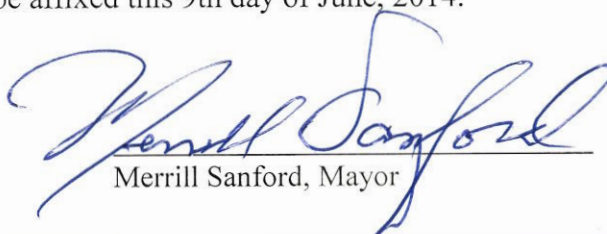
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Merrill Sanford, Mayor of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, on behalf of the city and Borough Assembly, do hereby proclaim June 2014 as

JUNEAU PRIDE 2014

and encourage the Juneau community to celebrate the diversity of Alaskans.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and caused the seal of the City and Borough of Juneau, Alaska, to be affixed this 9th day of June, 2014.




Merrill Sanford, Mayor