

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY
WASHINGTON**



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County strives to uphold the dignity, legal equality and fair treatment of all and will not tolerate acts of discrimination of any citizen; and

WHEREAS, Snohomish County recognizes the value and contribution of members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities in our region; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, the Snohomish County Health District recognized the need to establish and sponsor GLOBE *GLBT Loving Ourselves, Becoming Empowered* to support gay and lesbian adolescents, ages 14-20, facing many issues; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Everett/Snohomish Chapter of PFLAG *Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays* assumed sponsorship of GLOBE and continues to provide staff facilitation, support, education and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people invite all citizens to join them during the month of June at regional events that foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the differences that enrich us all; and

WHEREAS, this year marks the 35th anniversary of the Seattle Gay Pride Parade, where many will gather on June 28, 2009, to recognize and honor the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities for their leadership and contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Aaron G. Reardon, Snohomish County Executive, do hereby proclaim June 2009 as

**Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month
in Snohomish County**

and urge citizens to promote tolerance and equality for all.

Signed this 3rd day of June, 2009

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Aaron G. Reardon', written over a horizontal line.

Aaron G. Reardon
County Executive