

I am full throated support of measure HR3 to honor our rich history of Black Drag. Our first Black queen was crowned 1969, the same year as the Stonewall riots in New York which is recognized and the unofficial / official launch of the LGBT civil rights movement. From there, there have been enumerable amazing Black Drag queens who made major and impactful contributions to the state of Oregon. Not only the Empresses & Princesses but also the city, state and other court titles have raised money all over Oregon. I have attended fundraisers from Astoria to Roseburg, and many, many points in between. Those monies raised went to AIDS charities, women's shelters/programs, homeless/troubled youth shelters/programs, and scholarships for qualified recipients in the state of Oregon (and Vancouver Wa) and more. In 2024 a black Drag Queen was named as Queen Mother 2 of All of Oregon from the International Court System which is an organization comprised of 70 courts from 28 states and 4 provinces'.

It is time we honor their outstanding work and amazing entertainment.