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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the [Municipality] welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Plus (LGBTQI+) community and their allies come together in various celebrations of pride as an act of remembrance of the Stonewall uprising of 1969, and is the nationwide month to recognize LGBTQI+ community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate; and

WHEREAS, we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular our youth, who compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; to suffer from depression; to struggle with substance use; and to have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, we must remain vigilant in deterring oppression and discrimination against people on the basis of sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQI+ pride and social movements; and

WHEREAS, flying the rainbow flag at Town Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQI+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the [Municipality] on this __ day of June, 202__, that the Council recognizes and supports the month of June 202 _ as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, Intersex, and Plus (LGBTQ+) “Pride Month;” and we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month.

And be it further resolved that Council will further recognize June as Pride Month by flying the rainbow flag at the municipal building during the month of June.