



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBT Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, every June, communities across the United States celebrate the contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identified people and recognizes those individuals who fight to secure equality who experienced discrimination and have historically been disenfranchised of rights afforded to other Americans; and

WHEREAS, every person is equal before and under the law and has the right to equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability; and

WHEREAS, the long and ongoing struggle of the LGBTQ community for basic civil and human rights continues to provide inspiration to all; and


WHEREAS, I am mindful of the progress of the LGBTQ community has made in recent years, and strives to march forward in realizing a future in which diversity amongst people is honored and mutual respect is practiced; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate this harmony in which we coexist.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Geoffrey Thomas, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2020 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

and encourage everyone to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, respect the rights of all people, and to celebrate the great diversity of our city.


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor