

# Proclamation

**Whereas,** for 15 years, the month of October has been dedicated to the celebration of the important role Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning individuals have played in creating social, legal, and political history around the world, in the United States, and here in our community; and

**Whereas,** in addition to celebrating and honoring the change makers that have paved the way for LGBTQ voices to be heard, we also highlight two historically significant days in October: the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979, and the first National Coming Out Day on October 11, 1988, on the anniversary of the National March on Washington; and

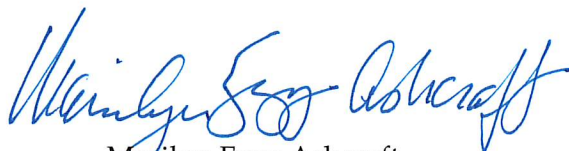
**Whereas,** LGBTQ History Month sends an important message to the nation's educators, community leaders, and our youth about the vital importance of recognizing and exploring the role of LGBTQ people in American history, and ensuring rights like marriage equality are never challenged; and

**Whereas,** in Alameda, LGBTQ History Month is a call to action for LGBTQ individuals and allies to stand united and fight against prejudice, bigotry, intolerance, hate, and discrimination; fight for equality, progress, and maintaining rights and visibility; to know and understand LGBTQ history, and to support all individuals and families in their ongoing pursuit of human rights.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October 2021 as

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in the City of Alameda and call on all residents to join me in recognizing the historic and continuing contributions of the LGBTQ community to our community and our country.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft  
Mayor

