

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 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 remember two historically significant days in October; the first March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights in 1979 and National Coming Out Day on October 11; and

Whereas, LGBTQ History Month sends an important message to the nation's educators, community leaders, and 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, now more than ever, LGBTQ individuals and allies must join together to fight for equality and progress and maintain our rights and visibility; and

Whereas, in Alameda, LGBTQ History Month is a call to action for residents to stand united and fight prejudice, bigotry, intolerance, hate, and discrimination, to know and understand LGBTQ history, and to support all individuals and families in an ongoing pursuit of equality.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October 2020 as

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning History Month

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

