## Proclamation

- **Whereas**, the City of Alameda stands united with our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer family, friends, and neighbors as they declare pride in who they are and who they love; and
- **Whereas**, we also stand against intolerance, discrimination, and injustice as we fight to protect the health and safety of all Americans and condemn dangerous State laws and bills that target the LGBTQ+ community and have left families in fear and pain; and
- **Whereas**, the LGBTQ+ community faces disproportionate levels of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment, has suffered from worse health outcomes from COVID-19, and lives with a greater risk of mental health crisis; and
- in a survey conducted from September to December 2021, the Trevor Project found that nearly half of LGBTQ youth seriously considered attempting suicide in the past year, 1 in 5 transgender and nonbinary youth attempted suicide, and nearly 2 in 5 said they lived in a community that was not accepting of LGBTQ people; and
- **Whereas**, in Alameda, the words "Everyone Belongs Here" are realized through efforts that support LGBTQ+ rights, demand equal protection under the law, reduce bullying and harassment, and teach dignity and respect for everyone; and
- **Thereas**, the City of Alameda promotes inclusivity, understands that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights, and celebrates the generations of LGBTQ+ people who continue to fight for justice, inclusion, and equality.

**How, therefore, be it resolved,** that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as

## LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Alameda, and encourage all Alamedans to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and accept each other for who we are.

Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft Mayor

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