

Proclamation

- Whereas,** every June, the City of Alameda celebrates LGBTQ+ Pride Month to commemorate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York which began when patrons of a gay bar fought back against a police raid, continued discrimination, abuse, and mistreatment;
- Whereas,** today, more than five decades after the Stonewall Uprising, across this country and around the world, we see hateful laws being adopted, books by and about the LGBTQ+ community being banned, health care services being denied, and increasing acts of intimidation and violence taking place; and
- Whereas,** the City of Alameda stands united against, and condemns intolerance, discrimination, and hate-filled efforts targeting the LGBTQ+ community, creating fear and pain by attacking foundational rights and freedoms; and
- Whereas,** we celebrate the courage and resilience of the LGBTQ+ community's hard-fought victories to advance acceptance and equality, and stand united with our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues as they declare pride in who they are and whom they love; and
- Whereas,** in Alameda, the motto "Everyone Belongs Here" is realized through actions that support LGBTQ+ rights, demand equal protection under the law, eliminate bullying and harassment, and teach dignity and respect for all; and
- Whereas,** LGBTQ+ rights are human rights, and the City of Alameda is committed to building a safer, more inclusive future for all.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

in the City of Alameda, and encourage all Alamedans to recognize the achievements of our LGBTQ+ community, to recognize that all persons are created equal, and to accept each other for who we are.



Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
Mayor

