



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

June 2, 2021

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Garrett Toy, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Approving Flying the Pride Flag at Town Hall for the Month of June

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution Proclaiming June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and Approving Flying the Pride Flag at Town Hall for the Month of June.

DISCUSSION

The Spahr Center has reached out to Marin cities and towns, including Fairfax, to proclaim the month of June 2021 “LGBTQ+ Pride Month” and to fly the Pride flag in recognition and celebration during the month of June. June 22nd marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots that gave rise to the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movements in the United States. Many towns and cities across the country now recognize and celebrate the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. However, individuals of the LGBTQ+ community continue to live in fear and struggle to experience equality, justice, and the opportunity to prosper.

Several Marin jurisdictions, including the County of Marin, have adopted similar resolutions and authorized the flying of the Pride flag. The Marin County Board of Supervisors first adopted a Resolution Proclaiming June 22, 2019 as “Pride Day”, and in June 2020, adopted a Resolution Proclaiming the month of June 2020 as “Pride Month”. The Board of Supervisors authorized the flying of the Pride flag at the Civic Center Administration Building in recognition of Pride Month. In 2020, the County flew the Pride flag at all County facilities.

To fly the flag in front of Town Hall, staff is recommending a flagpole be mounted on the front wall of the building, below the roofline above the front door. The flagpole that stands in the grass in front of Town Hall and flies the American flag was turned over to the Ross Valley Fire Department to raise, lower, and fly at half-staff based on federal guidelines. This would avoid interfering with the current process. Staff will return to the Council with a flag policy to address any future flag requests.

FISCAL IMPACT

Nominal cost of the flag and flagpole

ATTACHMENT

Resolution

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FAIRFAX
PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS “LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,
QUESTIONING+ PRIDE MONTH”**

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax has a diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals encompass all races, ethnicities, religions, and social classes; and

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, each June Americans come together to celebrate our LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous communities for all; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Fairfax fully supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning people and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all members of the community and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identification; and

WHEREAS, because of the acts of courage of the millions who spoke out to demand justice, and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our country has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts – that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax hereby proclaims June 2021 as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning+ Pride Month” in the Town of Fairfax to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and our community;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Council approves the flying of the Rainbow LGBTQ+ Pride Flag at Fairfax Town Hall for the month of June, ending June 30, 2021, to further symbolize the Town’s viewpoint in celebrating the diversity of and support for the Town’s LGBTQ+ community.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fairfax on the 2nd day of June 2021 by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

BRUCE ACKERMAN, Mayor

Attest: _____
Michele Gardner, Town Clerk