

City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER,
INTERSEX, ASEXUAL, PLUS (LGBTQIA+) PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 1 – 30, 2024

WHEREAS, The LGBTQIA+ community encompasses a diverse range of identities and experiences including but not limited to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual individuals, who have historically faced and continue to face discrimination, stigma, and violence in various aspects of life; and

WHEREAS, The month of June is recognized globally as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, in honor of the Stonewall Riots of June 1969 in New York City, a pivotal event in the LGBTQIA+ rights movement that galvanized individuals and communities to advocate for equality, justice, and human rights; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month serves as an important opportunity to celebrate the progress made towards equality and inclusivity, to honor the contributions and achievements of LGBTQIA+ individuals in all fields of endeavor, and to acknowledge the ongoing struggles and challenges that the community continues to face; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals, both young and old, continue to face hate, discrimination, and persistent efforts to undermine their voices and human rights in the United States and worldwide, and face high rates of depression and suicide, particularly among the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, The City of San Rafael celebrates a diverse LGBTQIA+ community here and throughout the Bay Area, and condemns hate, bigotry, and discrimination,

WHEREAS, The City is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all and pushes for progress and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, The rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQIA+ people in society, the City of San Rafael will observe Pride Month with a Pride flag raising ceremony to honor the legacies of the LGBTQIA+ community and individuals, their perseverance, and the resolute drive to continue working towards a more supportive and inclusive society.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim June 1 – 30, 2024, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexual, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month, to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish the City as a safe environment, and to unequivocally show this

support, directs staff to fly the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall for the entirety of the month of June.



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Kate Colin
Mayor

City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY
JUNE 7, 2024

WHEREAS, The first Friday in June is declared as National Gun Violence Awareness Day to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that as a country, state, city, and individually, we all must do more to educate ourselves on and reduce gun violence; and

WHEREAS, Guns are the leading cause of death among American children and teens, with 1 out of 10 gun deaths are of people aged 19 or younger, and gun violence and school shootings are a uniquely American epidemic; and

WHEREAS, Every day, more than 100 Americans are killed by gun violence and on average there are more than 13,000 gun-related homicides every year and Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

WHEREAS, Support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

WHEREAS, Gun violence can be avoided if warning signs are learned, and intervention and support is provided, whether be violence or harm against oneself or others, knowing that support is available and utilizing those systems can help stop the personal and collective trauma of gun violence; and

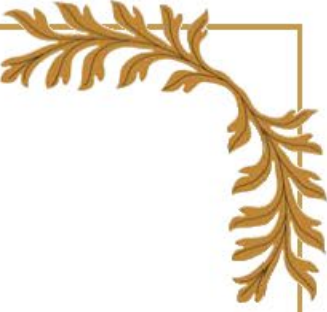
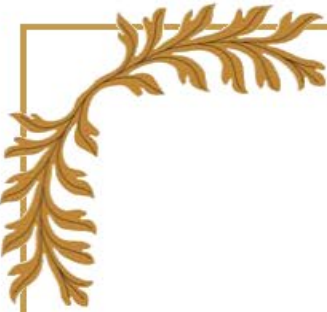
WHEREAS, The City and community renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our families, children, and community safe.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim June 7, 2024, as National Gun Violence Awareness Day, and call upon our residents, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in San Rafael to commit to increasing awareness on gun violence and encourages all citizens to support our local efforts to honor and value human lives by preventing the misuse of guns and the tragic effects of gun violence..



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City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
NATIONAL IMMIGRANT HERITAGE MONTH
June 1 – 30, 2024

WHEREAS, Individuals from across the world have migrated to America, driven by a multitude of factors – some seeking opportunities, livelihood, family connections, and new starts; however, it is imperative to recognize that many were also pushed by circumstances such as violence, corruption, climate change, instability, and poverty; and



WHEREAS, The complexities of migration must be considered in context of the devastating impacts colonization on indigenous peoples, and the impact of colonization on the lands that we stand on today, first stewarded by the Coast Miwok people for innumerable generations before settlers came, and who continue to reside in and remain active members of the community; and

WHEREAS, When communities are built through weaving of people and cultures, values become shared, new ideas, innovations, energies, and progress are brought forth, wounds can be acknowledged and worked towards healing, all contributing to and strengthening society, the economy, and building new traditions to pass down through generations; and

WHEREAS, Many immigrants have had pathways to citizenship, others have faced multiple barricades to their start or process of pursuing of citizenship, rights, and freedoms, through the systemic challenges of the immigration process and systems; and

WHEREAS, More than 1 in 4 residents of San Rafael were born in another country. The City of San Rafael supports and encourages the community to welcome and embrace new residents who are or have immigrated here, respect and acknowledge their pathways to this point, and work to better understand each other and the common threads that unite us; and

WHEREAS, It is important to know and celebrate our individual heritage stories and those in the world around us, and to celebrate the accomplishments, impacts, and contributions that immigrants have made to this nation, the Bay Area region, and to San Rafael, and recognize the resilience of those who persevered for their dreams and those who remained strong through the changing dynamics of their homelands.



THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim June 1 – 30, 2024, as National Immigrant Heritage Month, and encourages all residents to recognize their own heritage, the immigration stories of our families, and the continued need for acceptance and understanding, and that all voices and experiences have a need to be heard, valued, and respected.



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City of San Rafael
Proclamation in Recognition of
ALZHEIMER'S AND BRAIN AWARENESS MONTH
June, 2024

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is a progressive neurodegenerative disorder that affects millions of individuals worldwide, including community members in San Rafael, and has a lasting impact on the family, friends, and supporters of those with Alzheimer's; and

WHEREAS, more than 6 million Americans are currently living with Alzheimer's disease, and this number is expected to triple by 2060; and

WHEREAS, Alzheimer's disease is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States, and it is the only disease among the top ten causes of death that cannot be prevented, cured, or slowed; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael recognizes the importance of raising awareness about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and the need for support and services for individuals and families affected by these conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Alzheimer's Association and other organizations are dedicated to Alzheimer's research and to encouraging all citizens to learn more about the signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, seek early diagnosis, and support ongoing research efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael supports efforts to increase public awareness, provide education, and promote research to improve the quality of life for individuals living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their caregivers, and the friends and family that support and are impacted by their diagnosis;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael hereby proclaim June as Alzheimer's and Brain Awareness Month and encourage initiatives that promote awareness, education, and support for those affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.



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Kate Colin
Mayor