

City of San Rafael

Proclamation Recognizing

June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month

- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2021 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month"; and
- WHEREAS, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan and the subsequent first Pride march in New York City in June 1970, each June, Americans come together to celebrate LGBTQ+ people; and
- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael has a diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and
- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael observes June as a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; and
- WHEREAS, in the 2020 Marin County Suicide Prevention Strategic Plan, community survey respondents that identified as LGBTQ+ reported being affected by suicide at a higher rate than any other demographic subset: 52% of LGBTQ+ respondents have seriously contemplated suicide, and 28% have attempted suicide; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people and people living with and affected by HIV make vital contributions to and enhance the social and economic fabric of San Rafael in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, fashion, sports, government, music, film, technology, literature, civil rights, politics, and more; and
- WHEREAS, because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and 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 Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael recognizes June as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month" in the City of San Rafael to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Rafael fully supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people; and to unequivocally show this support, directs staff to fly the Progress Pride Flag at City Hall from the 8th to the 30th day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-one.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of San Rafael, directs staff to update the existing Flag Protocol Policy to incorporate new guidelines regarding the flying of ceremonial flags.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Rafael to be affixed this 7th day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-one.



Kate Colin
Mayor