

Agenda Item 6.a

**PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN RAFAEL  
PROCLAIMING THE MONTH-LONG CELEBRATION OF  
LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN JUNE**

- WHEREAS, the City of San Rafael recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2022 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ (LGBTQ+) Pride Month"; and
- WHEREAS, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Manhattan, led by trans women of color, 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, LGBTQ+ individuals continue to face hate, discrimination and persistent efforts to undermine their human rights in the US and worldwide, and face higher rates of depression and suicide than any other demographic subset, particularly among the trans community; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people 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 still fight and push for progress, our community continues to work towards a society in which the LGBTQ+ community can be seen, safe and live with dignity.

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 for the entirety of the month of June.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Rafael to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, in the year two thousand and twenty-two.



Kate Colin  
Mayor