

**City of San Rafael**  
**Proclamation in Recognition of**  
**THE MONTHLONG CELEBRATION OF LGBTQIA+ PRIDE**  
**JUNE 2023**

**WHEREAS,** the City Council of the City of San Rafael recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and more (LGBTQIA+) "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 LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities, and to show support of the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of San Rafael has a diverse LGBTQIA+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQIA+ 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,** the City of San Rafael observes June as a dedicated month to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQIA+ community, educate and raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all; 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 history of the LGBTQIA+ history, perseverance, and legacy.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Mayor and City Council of the City of San Rafael recognizes June as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and more (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, 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.



**Kate Colin**  
**Mayor**