

**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.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kate".

**Kate Colin**  
**Mayor**