



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, City Council and staff have committed to making Fort Collins an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court ruled in June 2015 that same-sex couples can marry nationwide, establishing a new and long overdue civil right in our country; and

WHEREAS, former president Barack Obama designated the first national monument to LGBTQ+ rights in June 2016, honoring the LGBTQ+ community's long-term presence and struggle for equality across our nation; and

WHEREAS, members of the Fort Collins community who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex and Asexual have the right to feel safe and to live without the threat of discrimination or harassment; and

WHEREAS, supporting Fort Collins' LGBTQ+ community aligns with the City's strategic objective to co-create a more inclusive and equitable community that promotes unity and honors diversity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides; however, work remains in order to achieve full equality, inclusion, representation and acceptance.

WHEREAS, the City has established the LGBTQIA+ Resource Group; as well as an LGBTQ+ liaison in Police Services, Human Resources and at the Executive level; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the LGBTQ+ community are valued members of our Fort Collins community who deserve to be celebrated and should always feel pride for who they are; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Wade Troxell, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare the month of June 2020 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 16th day of June, A.D. 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk