



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the first Pride was a riot, that took place at the Stonewall Inn on June 28, 1969; and

WHEREAS, fifty years later, on June 26, 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that same-gender couples could marry, establishing a new and long overdue civil right in our country; and

WHEREAS, members of the Fort Collins community who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex and Asexual deserve more than civil rights: they deserve to be fully welcomed, to be safe and to live in our community without the threat of marginalization, erasure, discrimination or harassment; and

WHEREAS, local governments are uniquely positioned to improve quality of life, sense of belonging and access for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the City's PRIDE Employee Resource Group formed to ensure LGBTQ+ people are safe, valued and affirmed within the City organization and our community; and

WHEREAS, the PRIDE Employee Resource Group's work and dedication has elevated the City of Fort Collins Municipal Equality Index from 60 to 95 in just four years; and

WHEREAS, we invite our community to celebrate the hard-fought victories of the LGBTQ+ community; and also to acknowledge that more work remains in order to achieve full equality, inclusion, representation and acceptance; and

WHEREAS, the City would like to make clear to our LGBTQ+ community: you are valued, you are worthy of celebration and you should always feel proud of who you are; and

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jeni Arndt, Mayor of the City of Fort Collins, do hereby declare the month of June 2021 as

LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Fort Collins this 1st day of June, A.D. 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk