

## City of Emeryville

## Proclamation

## Proclaiming the Month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Pride Month in The City of Emeryville

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots where LGBTQI+ protesters stood up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discrimination; and

WHEREAS, in the decades since, civil rights for LGBTQI+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQI+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the Stonewall Riots; and

**WHEREAS**, even with all the progress that has been made, the rights of members of the LGBTQI+ community are still under attack as they continue to face discrimination and persistent efforts to undermine their human rights; and

WHEREAS, during Pride Month, the Emeryville City Council reflects on the progress that has been made toward inclusion and equality for the LGBTQI+ community, celebrating the LGBTQI+ people who are living their lives openly and with pride more than ever before; as we also reaffirm the ongoing need for commitment to fostering justice and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

**WHEREAS**, from business leaders and professors to athletes and entertainers, and all walks of life, LGBTQI+ individuals have achieved success and prominence in our society, and we honor the fortitude of those who have fought so that others could live authentically; and

WHEREAS, our city and the entire nation draw strength from diversity of all kinds, with each individual contributing to the greater whole, and by affirming these rights and values, we all benefit; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of proclaiming Pride Month is to recognize and educate the community on the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville that the month of June is hereby proclaimed as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Intersex Pride Month in the City of Emeryville and the Pride Flag will be flown in front of City Hall for the entire month.

**PROCLAIMED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022, at a regular City Council Meeting by the Mayor of Emeryville.

John J. Bauters, Mayor