



City of Emeryville

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Proclamation

Proclaiming the Month of June 2018 as LGBT Pride Month in the City of Emeryville

WHEREAS, the City of Emeryville has a diverse lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender population and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Emeryville, who contribute to the enrichment of our City, are a part of the LGBT community; and

WHEREAS, though advancements have been made toward equal treatment, rights and protection for lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgender and questioning people throughout the nation and around the world, there continues to be opposition against people from this community, making it important for cities like Emeryville to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans and, in the current political climate, it is more important than ever to be vigilant and to stand together; and

WHEREAS, some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from civil rights movements that have sought to bring marginalized communities into the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the Stonewall Riots, during which LGBT citizens rose up to resist the police harassment that came out of discriminatory criminal laws since declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in the nearly five decades since, civil rights for LGBT people have grown substantially, and LGBT pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of Stonewall; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender pride, and social movements, and flying the rainbow flag at City Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBT community now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that, as Mayor of the City of Emeryville, and on behalf of the City Council of the City of Emeryville, I hereby proclaim the month of June as LGBT Pride Month in the City of Emeryville and invite everyone to reflect on ways we can all live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding.

PROCLAIMED this 5th Day of June 2018 by the Mayor of the City of Emeryville.

John J. Bauters, Mayor