

Proclamation

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING JUNE 2024 AS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Ally and Two Spirit

Pride Month

WHEREAS, San Mateo County strives to promote the principles of equality and justice for all people, recognizing that the diversity of our communities is one of our greatest strengths, and in June 2014, the County established California’s first dedicated LGBTQ Commission to pursue the development of policies and programs that foster the well-being and civic engagement of LGBTQIA+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, in November 2023, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Resolution to expand the name of the Commission to include individuals who identify as intersex or asexual and others whose identities are represented by a “plus” sign; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors helped launch the San Mateo County Pride Center, which regularly provides critical programming and mental health services for LGBTQIA+ people in San Mateo County and around the Bay Area, and the Pride Initiative of the San Mateo County Health Department Office of Diversity and Equity has advocated for a welcoming environment for LGBTQIA+ people who live and work in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, CoastPride offers a safe space to address the needs of LGBTQIA+ youth, families, and adults who live on the coast of San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ Commission and Youth Commission join together in condemning incidents that cause fear and isolation for the LGBTQIA+ community and especially the vandalization of the CoastPride Center in early 2024; and

WHEREAS, the month of June marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion that gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement and is recognized around the world as Pride Month, and the Progress Pride Flag is a symbol of support for the LGBTQIA+ community and the diversity within that community and flying the flag at the seat of government demonstrates that San Mateo County is a welcoming, inclusive county in furtherance of this proclamation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Ally and Two-spirit (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month and, in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the Progress Pride Flag be raised in and flown at County Center, and that the County Executive take appropriate actions to cause or to authorize the Progress Pride Flag to be flown at other locations owned or operated by the County, during the month of June 2024.

Dated: May 21, 2024

SUPERVISORS:

WARREN SLOCUM, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors