

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DESIGNATING JUNE 2022 AS

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, 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 each year in June marks the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Rebellion, of which the 1966 San Francisco Compton Cafeteria riots were a precursor of, that catalyzed the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in June 2014, San Mateo County established California’s first dedicated LGBTQ Commission to pursue the development of policies and programs to support the LGBTQIA2S+ community and ensure access to services that are welcoming, respectful, and responsive; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors helped launch the San Mateo County Pride Center, which regularly provides critical programming and mental health services for LGBTQIA2S+ 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 LGBTQIA2S+ people who live and work in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, in June 2022, the LGBTQ Commission recommended that the Board of Supervisors show their support of gender-affirming health care by passing a resolution to support Senate Bill 107, protecting gender-affirming health care for transgender and gender-diverse youth and their families to secure care without facing criminal or civil penalties;

WHEREAS, the Progress Pride Flag is a symbol of support for the LGBTQIA2S+ 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 and a safe space to explore gender expression in furtherance of this proclamation, and celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for San Mateo County’s LGBTQIA2S+ community and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-spirit (LGBTQIA2S+) Pride Month and, in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the Progress Pride Flag be raised on the central flagpole in the courtyard of County Center, and that the County Executive take appropriate actions to cause or to authorize the Progress Pride Flag to be raised and flown thereafter at County Center, and flown at other locations owned or operated by the County, during the month of June 2023.

Dated: May 23, 2023

SUPERVISORS:

DAVE PINE, President

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Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors