

PROCLAMATION

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021 AS

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

PrideMonth

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

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 LGBTQ+ community and ensure access to services that are welcoming, respectful, and responsive; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, San Mateo County helped launch the first ever LGBTQ+ Pride Center in the county, and this year, the County will join with the broader community to participate in the 9th Annual San Mateo County Pride Celebration, which will be held virtually from June 6-12, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Pride Initiative of San Mateo County Health's Office of Diversity and Equity has advocated for a welcoming environment for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and Two Spirit (LGBTQQI2S) people who live and work in San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, June of each year marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Rebellion, which gave birth to the modern lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the Progress Pride Flag, which highlights transgender and Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) people within the LGBTQ+ community, is a symbol of support for the LGBTQ+ community and its diversity, and this Board of Supervisors believes that flying the Progress Pride Flag at the seat of County government and at other locations under the ownership or control of the County of San Mateo, demonstrates the County's commitment to inclusivity and to being a welcoming place for all San Mateo County residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, hereby designates June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, and two-spirit (LGBTQQI2S) Pride Month and, in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the Progress Pride Flag be raised on the central flag pole in the courtyard of County Center during all business days of the month of June 2021 and that the County Manager is authorized and directed to cause the Progress Pride Flag be raised during the same time period on flag poles at other appropriate locations under the ownership or control of the County of San Mateo, consistent with the purpose and intent of this Proclamation.

Dated: May 18, 2021

SUPERVISORS:

DAVID J. CANEPA, President

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DON HORSLEY

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WARREN SLOCUM

Attest:

Deputy Clerk of the Board of Supervisors