



PROCLAMATION

PRIDE MONTH

June 2023

Whereas, the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969, sparked a liberation movement to resist harassment and persecution to which lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) Americans were commonly subjected, marking the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans— a call to action that continues to inspire us to live up to our Nation’s promise of equality, liberty, and justice for all.

Whereas, historic United States Supreme Court rulings in recent years have struck down regressive laws, affirmed the right to marriage equality, and secured workplace protections for LGBTQ+ individuals in every State and Territory;

Whereas, Pride Month is a time to recognize the valuable contributions of the LGBTQ+ individuals across our country, recall the trials the LGBTQ+ community has endured and rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought — and continue to fight — for full equality.

Whereas, we celebrate the progress we have made in creating a community more inclusive and accepting of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, and the transgender while recognizing that LGBTQ+ individuals continue to suffer discrimination, hostility and exclusion at almost every level of society, including in areas of housing, employment, healthcare, family law, immigration, religious, and marriage equality;

Whereas, each day, more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people are elected to public offices across the country, serve in the United States Armed Forces, occupy the highest positions in business, participate in religious and spiritual communities, and serve as role models for all.

Whereas, our Nation continues to witness a tragic spike in violence against transgender women of color. LGBTQ+ individuals — especially youth who defy sex or gender norms — face bullying and harassment in educational settings and are at a disproportionate risk of self-harm and death by suicide;

Whereas, society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for multi-cultural education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice;

Whereas, to achieve a just and fair society, we must not only respect one another, but also appreciate our differences, recognize the common good in all of us, and celebrate diversity as one of our greatest strengths;

Whereas, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation and we understand the unique challenges faced by sexual and gender minorities – especially transgender and gender non-conforming individuals – and are taking steps to address them;

Whereas, the City of San Fernando commends the bravery and courage of all those in the LGBTQ+ community that face adversity and various forms of violence. Continued opposition and oppression against LGBTQ+, especially LGBTQ+ black, indigenous, Latinx and people of color make it important for neighbors to stand up and show solidarity and support for our LGBTQ+ residents and the community at large;

Whereas, in the four decades since the Stonewall Riots, civil rights for LGBTQ+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQ+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June.


Now, therefore, the San Fernando City Council on behalf of the City of San Fernando and all of the residents thereof, proclaims June 2023, and every June thereafter, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month (LGBTQ+) in the City of San Fernando and call upon all residents to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, to celebrate the great diversity of our city, and proclaim support for efforts, including raising the Pride Progress Flag at City Hall, that increase awareness, acceptance, and inclusion of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer individuals.





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