

**CITY OF COLLEGE PARK
PROCLAMATION
LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2022**

WHEREAS, this nation was founded upon the principles that every person is created equal, that each has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ+) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton, on June 2, 2000, declared June “Gay & Lesbian Pride Month” to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama further expanded the commemoration by declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of LGBTQ+ individuals locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, our community is strengthened by the rich diversity of our residents, and LGBTQ+ residents and visitors should feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that our LGBTQ+ youth be accorded the freedom to be themselves without fear, and live free from reprisal, discrimination or bullying; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court decision of 2015 guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBTQ+ Americans; and

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2020, the United States Supreme Court extended protections to the LGBTQ+ community by ruling that Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits discrimination “because of sex,” includes protections for gay and transgender employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the City of College Park hereby proclaim June as **Pride Month** in College Park, and encourage our community to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, to celebrate our great diversity, and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty and justice for all.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 7th **DAY OF** JUNE , 2022.

Patrick L. Wojahn, Mayor