



Village Manager's Office

SUBJECT: Pride Month Proclamation

MEETING DATE: June 8, 2021

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BUDGET IMPACT: None

Recommended Motion

Proclamation designating the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Wilmette.

Background

At their April 29, 2021 meeting, the Village's Human Relations Commission voted unanimously in favor of recognizing the 2021 LGBTQ+ Pride Month that is being celebrated throughout June 2021. As such, staff wanted to provide the board with information regarding the history of this celebration. This will be the first official proclamation of LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Wilmette's history.

The uprising at the Stonewall Inn located in New York City, NY that occurred in June 1969, is considered the catalyst for the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement. In 1969, police raided the Stonewall Inn, spurring six days of protests against police brutality and government discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community. The Stonewall Inn was declared a historic landmark by the city of New York in 2015 and later named a national monument by former President Barack Obama in 2016. The Stonewall Riots sparked a shift and increase in LGBTQ+ activism. Since 1970, the LGBTQ+ community has continued to gather together in June to march with Pride and demonstrate for equal rights.

Pride Month was first recognized at the federal level in 1999 and 2000, with former President Bill Clinton declaring June Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. From 2009 to 2016, former President Barack Obama declared June LGBT Pride Month, and most recently President Joe Biden issued a Presidential Proclamation declaring June LGBTQ+ Pride Month in 2021.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is observed annually in June to celebrate the contributions that members of the LGBTQ+ community have made to American history, society, and culture. In proclaiming LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Wilmette residents are encouraged to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and to celebrate this month with appropriate programs and activities. Lesbian, Gay,

Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month information and resources can be found at loc.gov/lgbt-pride-month/.

Documents Attached

1. 2021 LGBTQ+ Pride Month Proclamation



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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, all residents deserve to be treated with dignity, respect, compassion and justice regardless of gender, age, race, religion, economic status, or sexual orientation; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette supports the rights of every individual to experience equality of treatment and values our diverse population of residents, businesses, and visitors, recognizing that this diversity is one of this community's greatest strengths; and,

WHEREAS, June is annually celebrated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising in 1969, considered the catalyst of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Wilmette is committed to protecting the civil rights of the LGBTQ+ community to create a more open and just society; and,

WHEREAS, individuals are encouraged to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and to celebrate this month to recognize the contributions that LGBTQ+ individuals have made to our society;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Senta Plunkett, Village President of Wilmette, Illinois, proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and call upon all people of Wilmette, Illinois, to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community and to celebrate this month.

Dated this 8th day of June 2021.

Senta Plunkett
Village President