



## 2026 Pride Month Proclamation

**Whereas**, Pride Month is recognized each June to honor the history, resilience, and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other LGBTQIA+ individuals and communities; and

**Whereas**, Pride Month commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, a pivotal moment in the movement toward greater equality, visibility, and civil rights for LGBTQIA+ individuals in the United States; and

**Whereas**, despite progress toward equality and inclusion, many LGBTQIA+ individuals continue to experience discrimination, harassment, violence, and barriers to safety, acceptance, and opportunity; and

**Whereas**, the 2026 Pride Month theme, "For All of Us," inspired by the words of Stonewall veteran Marsha P. Johnson, "There is no pride for some of us without liberation for all of us," honors the legacy of early LGBTQIA+ advocates and recognizes the ongoing importance of inclusion, visibility, safe spaces, and equal opportunity for all members of the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly those who continue to face discrimination, marginalization, and barriers to belonging; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Erie encourages residents to celebrate Pride Month through reflection, education, community engagement, and acts of allyship that strengthen unity and belonging throughout the community; and

**Whereas**, the progress toward recognizing and protecting the rights of LGBTQIA+ individuals has been shaped through decades of advocacy, landmark court decisions, civil rights protections, and presidential actions, including the recognition of June as Pride Month by President William J. Clinton in 1999 and its continued annual recognition by subsequent administrations as a celebration of equality, visibility, and inclusion; and

**Now, therefore**, the Town Council does hereby proclaim that Pride Month be celebrated from June 1-30, 2026, and call upon all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

**Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.**

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Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

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Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk