



Pride Month Proclamation

Whereas, June is recognized as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community, and to promote equal rights and opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Whereas, Pride Month commemorates the history and struggles of LGBTQIA+ individuals, honors the resilience of those who have fought for justice and equality, and pays tribute to those who have lost their lives to violence and discrimination; and

Whereas, we acknowledge that the journey toward full acceptance and equality for LGBTQIA+ individuals continues, and it is our duty to advocate for policies and practices that protect the rights of all citizens; and

Whereas, diversity strengthens our communities, and embracing and supporting the LGBTQIA+ community fosters a culture of inclusion, respect, and understanding; and

Whereas, this month marks the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, which began on June 28, 1969, and is widely regarded as a catalyst for the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement, igniting a national and international call for equality and justice; and

Whereas, this year's theme, "The Fabric of Freedom" invites the community to reflect on unity while serving as a global call to action of LGBTQIA+ people and their allies to celebrate the vibrancy of the community; and

Whereas, on June 11, 1999, President Bill Clinton signed Proclamation 7203, officially recognizing the first "Gay and Lesbian Month" which later evolved to "LGBT Pride Month" which aimed to promote dignity, respect, and equal rights for all individuals regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

Now, therefore, I, Council Member Emily Baer on behalf of Mayor Andrew J. Moore, do hereby proclaim that Pride Month be celebrated from June 1-30, 2025, and I ask all residents in the Town of Erie to observe this month with appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs.

Dated this 10th day of June, 2025.

Andrew J. Moore, Mayor

Attest:

Debbie Stamp, Town Clerk