



## **LGBTQ+ Pride and Equity Month Proclamation**

**Whereas,** the police raid and subsequent uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28, 1969 was a catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement in America;

**Whereas,** the Town of Erie has a diverse LGBTQ+ community that includes people of many ethnicities, religions, and professions who have made, and continue to make lasting and impactful contributions to the Town;

**Whereas,** LGBTQ+ individuals, especially youth, face bullying and harassment and are at a disproportionate risk of self-harm and death by suicide;

**Whereas,** it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, physically and psychologically safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders;

**Whereas,** the fight for dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people is reflected in the tireless dedication of activists, advocates, and allies who strive to make this a more inclusive society;

**Whereas,** the Town of Erie honors its commitment to the promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTQ+ residents and recognizes the importance of upholding the truth that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights; and

**Whereas,** during the month of June, residents of the Town of Erie are encouraged to join together to celebrate and honor the history, diversity and the resilience of the LGBTQ+ community.

**Now, therefore,** I, Jennifer Carroll, Mayor of the Town of Erie, do hereby proclaim that the month of June 2021 is recognized as the Town of Erie's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride and Equity Month and I urge all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

**Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021.**

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Jennifer Carroll, Mayor

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Heidi Leatherwood, Town Clerk