

**Town of Amherst
Proclamation Recognizing
June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, Queer + (LGBTQ+) Pride Month**

Council Sponsors: Councilors De Angelis, Devlin Gauthier, and Hanneke

Community Sponsor: Amherst-Pelham Regional High School Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)

WHEREAS, on June 28th, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village and sparked a riot, leading to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement known as the Stonewall Riots, which later served as the catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and the subsequent first Pride march in New York City in June 1970, each June, Americans come together to celebrate and honor the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, since the Stonewall Uprising, the LGBTQ+ community has achieved significant progress including the right to marriage equality across the country, state and federal workplace protections, and the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and reflect upon the courage and accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community who continue to fight for progress towards securing important rights and freedoms to live freely and authentically, often through struggle and adversity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has and continues to face systemic discrimination across the United States including social stigma, challenges accessing healthcare and other basic social services, and increased rates of violence; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, the rights of LGBTQ+ Americans remain under relentless attack, with dangerous anti-LGBTQ+ legislation being introduced and passed in states across the country, particularly targeting trans children and their parents and interfering with their access to health care; and

WHEREAS, we remain vigilant and active against any political efforts to enact anti-LGBTQ+ legislation or to overturn prior hard-fought, recognized rights; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that queer and trans people of color have been and remain at the forefront of that struggle for those rights; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Amherst values diversity and inclusion and is committed to equal rights, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Amherst recognizes the important contributions of its LGBTQ+ residents, including our youth, to the Town's history, culture, economy, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for our LGBTQ+ residents, including our youth, and stand with them to protect their civil rights and ability to live openly without fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Amherst Town Council do hereby proclaim June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, we, the Amherst Town Council encourage all residents to celebrate and affirm our proud and diverse LGBTQ+ community year-round.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, this proclamation will be recognized by raising the Progress Pride flag on the UN flagpole from June 2 to June 30, 2023.

Voted this 15 day of May, 2023.


J. Griesemer (May 16, 2023 15:32 EDT)

Lynn Griesemer, Town Council President







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