



Legislation Text

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Memorandum

Date: June 4, 2024

To: The Honorable Lake County Board of Supervisors

From: Board of Supervisors

Subject: a) Adopt Proclamation Designating June 2024 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Lake County, and b) Approve the LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag to be displayed at the County Courthouse for the Month of June

Executive Summary:

DESIGNATING JUNE 2024 AS

LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH IN LAKE COUNTY

WHEREAS, the United States was founded on the principle that “all men are created equal”, and the fulfillment of this promise has expanded over the years to cover all people. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from civil rights movements bringing one group after another under the umbrella of our most revered and foundational principle of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual (LGBTQIA+) and people of all other gender identities and sexual orientations, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQIA+ citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the four decades since, civil rights for LGBTQIA+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQIA+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, California has been a leader in advancing the civil rights of its LGBTQIA+ citizens with leaders such as Harvey Milk. While further progress is needed, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

WHEREAS, Lake County’s local elected leaders such as Denise Rushing and Joey Luiz not only represented their constituents, but also represented the LGBTQIA+ community within Lake County. The Board of Supervisors also recognizes the many staff members from line-staff to Department Heads who are a part of the LGBTQIA+ community and serve Lake County; and

WHEREAS, while LGBTQIA+ Americans remain marginalized and under attack through legislation in states across our country, the Lake County Board of Supervisors stands firm against intolerance, discrimination, and injustice, and is deeply committed to fostering communities where all people can live free and authentic lives; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ residents in Lake County represent our families, our friends, our neighbors, our teachers, our employees, and our community leaders. Across all religions, races, and communities there are LGBTQIA+ people helping our nation to become a more perfect union in reaching our ideals proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence that all “people” are created equal and therefore deserve to be embraced and treated as equals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED the Board of Supervisors of the County of Lake does hereby designate June 2024 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Lake County and calls upon its residents to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists and celebrate the diversity of our communities.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 4th day of June 2024.

If not budgeted, fill in the blanks below only:

Estimated Cost: _____ Amount Budgeted: _____ Additional Requested: _____ Future Annual Cost: _____

Consistency with Vision 2028 (check all that apply):

☐ Not applicable

- ☐ Well-being of Residents
- ☐ Economic Development
- ☐ Community Collaboration

- ☐ Public Safety
- ☐ Infrastructure
- ☐ Business Process Efficiency

- ☐ Disaster Prevention, Preparedness, Recovery
- ☐ County Workforce
- ☐ Clear Lake

Recommended Action: a) Adopt Proclamation Designating June 2024 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Lake County, and b) Approve the LGBTQIA+ Pride Flag to be displayed at the County Courthouse for the Month of June