

A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JUNE 2026 AS “LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE MONTH” IN THE CITY OF POMONA

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principles of equal rights for all people, the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another much more – but not always enough – recognition and justice in American society; and

WHEREAS, Pride is a celebration of our history and progress, and it is also a crucial movement against unjust systems of oppression. In the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual, two-spirited and other identified persons (LGBTQIA2S+), we recognize the pivotal role that transgender individuals have played — and continue to play — in advancing the fight for equity and justice for all; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as **Pomona Valley Pride** have served as a vital lifeline for the LGBTQIA2S+ community across the Pomona Valley region since 2019, providing safe and welcoming spaces, essential social and emotional support services, educational and arts programming, advocacy, and direct community resources — including a Gender Affirming Program, free therapeutic services, hygiene support, free library, and free Wi-Fi — for LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and their families throughout the Pomona Valley and Inland Empire; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and hatred based on race and ethnicity, religion and spirituality, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation. Yet, we live in a society that does not guarantee that for everyone. This LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month, the City of Pomona affirms its obligation to uphold the dignity of all people and dedicates itself to protecting the most vulnerable among us — especially members of the transgender community who face disproportionate and escalating threats to their safety, well-being, and legal standing — regardless of the direction of federal policy; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Pomona and our next generation of leaders are working tirelessly to bring awareness, visibility, and acceptance into the future. Their efforts to advocate for justice and inclusion — including the establishment of a recognized "Pride Month" in the City of Pomona — demonstrate a powerful commitment to equity and change that must be supported and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA does hereby proclaim the month of June 2026 as:

“LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE MONTH”

Dated this 15th day of June, 2026