

**A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS “LGBTQIA+ 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, 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 and other identified persons (LGBTQIA+), a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Uprising. During this uprising, LGBTQIA+ citizens, especially transgender women of color who resisted police brutality and violence, and their allies rose-up and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. This uprising sparked a liberation movement — a call to action that continues to inspire us to live up to our Nation’s promise of equality, liberty, and justice for all. However, it is important to acknowledge that Stonewall is not the only uprising, as LGBTQIA+ persons actively resisted discrimination and injustice well before Stonewall and continue to do so on a daily basis. Pride is a time to recall the trials the LGBTQIA+ communities have endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought — and continue to fight — for full equality, including (but not limited to) Silvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, Miss Major Griffin Gracy, Bamby Salcedo, Janet Mock, and Harvey Milk. Pride is both a jubilant communal celebration of visibility and a personal celebration of self-worth and dignity; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation has come far in social and legal actions to protect LGBTQIA+ communities, violence perpetrated against these communities remains. For example, high violence and murders against transgender women of color continue. Youth who defy the binary sex or gender identity norms face disproportionate burden of bullying and harassment within and outside of educational settings; the stress and harm of these experiences places these non-binary, transgender, and queer-identified youth at a disproportionately high risk of harming themselves and death by suicide. Moreover, some States actively target transgender youth through discriminatory bills that defy our Nation’s values of inclusivity and freedom for all. Ending violence and discrimination against LGBTQIA+ communities require our continued focus and diligence beyond a Pride Month, and it is important that we stand and fight alongside with LGBTQIA+ persons who are affected by this daily.

**WHEREAS**, every June we commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Uprising with LGBTQIA+ pride celebrations that take place around the country, our celebration and fight should be occurring year-round, not in just the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, Pomona has diverse LGBTQIA+ communities that include people of all race/ethnicities, religions, social classes, and professions, the city of Pomona also supports its LGBTQIA+ residents by providing a variety resources, services, and educational materials to the community and allies; and

**WHEREAS**, everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and hatred based on race/ethnicity, religion/spirituality, gender identity, gender expression, and/or sexual orientation, we live in a society that does not guarantee that for everyone. During LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live and love freely and authentically. In doing so, LGBTQIA+ persons are opening hearts and minds and helping lay the foundation for a more just and equitable America. This LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, we affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and dedicate ourselves to protecting the most vulnerable among us; and

**WHEREAS**, there is much work left to reach full equality, we urge all Pomona community members to respect and honor our diverse communities and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance to get one step closer to social justice. We call upon the people of the city to recognize the achievements of the LGBTQIA+ communities, to celebrate the great diversity of the American people, and to wave their flags of pride high. This Pride Month, we recognize the valuable contributions of LGBTQIA+ individuals across America, and we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with LGBTQIA+ Americans in their ongoing struggle against discrimination and injustice.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA does hereby proclaim  
the month of

June 2021

as

**“LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH”**

**Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.**