

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
and for Special Districts, Agencies and Authorities Governed by the Board

Adopted this Resolution on 06/08/2021 by the following vote:

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Resolution No. 2021/189

In the matter of Declaring June 2021, LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Contra Costa County

Whereas, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning) Pride Month to commemorate the rise of the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement that grew out of spontaneous civil rights demonstrations by members of the LGBTQ+ community against unjust police raids that took place in New York City at the end of June 1969, known as the Stonewall Riots; and Whereas, former President Obama designated the Stonewall Inn as a National Monument in 2016 because of the role it played in the struggle for LGBTQ+ acceptance in the U.S., the Stonewall Riots inspires LGBTQ+ people, not only in the U.S., but throughout the world, in the struggle for civil rights; and Whereas, Contra Costa Health Services, Contra Costa Regional Medical Center and Contra Costa Behavioral Health Services, through the work of the LGBTQ Pride Initiative, received the prestigious national designations of Leader in Healthcare Equality or Top Performer in Healthcare Equality each year since 2013 from the Human Rights Campaign, the largest LGBTQ+ advocacy organization in the United States; and Whereas, Contra Costa Health Services identified the need for a specialty clinic to serve the transgender and gender-diverse community and started the first Gender Clinic in October 2016, the only clinic for transgender care between Oakland and Sacramento at that time; and Whereas, research shows that between 2 and 7 percent of all adults are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, two spirited or non-binary, and that families, parents, caregivers and guardians can have a dramatic impact on the well-being of their LGBTQ+ youth, demonstrating that family and community acceptance promotes health and protects LGBTQ+ young people against risk; and Whereas, more same-sex families identified themselves to the US Census in 2010 placing Contra Costa County 15th in the state's 58 counties with the most same-sex couples per capita; and Whereas, the Rainbow Community Center is an essential community-based organization in Contra Costa County that is solely focused on serving the LGBTQ+ community, with priorities to strengthen services for LGBTQ+ youth, seniors, people living with HIV/AIDS, and to develop community building efforts that will diminish the sense of isolation and promote greater acceptance of all LGBTQ+ people; and Whereas, Contra Costa County's LGBTQ+ partners include the County's Pride Initiative, Children's Hospital, The Wright Institute, Rainbow Community Center, RYSE Center, Center for Human Development, Gender Spectrum, the James Morehouse Project at El Cerrito High School, Somos Familia, East Bay Getting to Zero, Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay, Richmond Rainbow PRIDE, Oakland/East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Queer Alliances Contra Costa, Mt. Diablo Peace and Justice Center, and the Welcoming Churches coalition, and

Whereas, in Contra Costa County, LGBTQ+ community residents, employees, businesses, and organizations have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions which add to the rich diversity of the County; and Whereas, the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors supports and promotes inclusion, non-discrimination, and equity among all County residents; and WHEREAS, the Progress Pride Flag, which highlights transgender and Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) within the LGBTQ+ community, is a symbol of support for the LGBTQ+ community and its diversity, and this Board of Supervisors believes that flying the Progress Pride Flag at the seat of County demonstrates the County's commitment to inclusivity and to being a welcoming place for all Contra Costa County residents;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County declares the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Contra Costa County and in furtherance of that designation, hereby directs that the Progress Pride Flag be raised at the County Administration Building during all business days of the month of June 2021 following approval of this proclamation and encourages a safe and accepting environment for all members of the community.

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: June 8, 2021

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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