

*The Board of Supervisors of
Contra Costa County, California*

In the matter of:

Resolution No. 2022/237

In the matter of declaring June 2022, LGBTQIA Pride Month in Contra Costa County

WHEREAS, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning and Intersex) Pride Month to commemorate the rise of the LGBTQIA civil rights movement that grew out of spontaneous civil rights demonstrations by members of the LGBTQIA+ 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 LGBTQIA acceptance in the U.S., the Stonewall Riots inspires LGBTQIA 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 LGBTQIA 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 LGBTQIA youth, demonstrating that family and community acceptance promotes health and protects LGBTQIA+ young people against risk; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center is an essential community-based organization in Contra Costa County that is solely focused on serving the LGBTQIA+ community, with priorities to strengthen services for LGBTQIA+ 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 LGBTQIA+ people; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center envisions a society that advocates for and celebrates gender and sexual diversity, racial justice, safety, and liberation for all through healing centered engagement; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Community Center provides many services to the LGBTQIA community, including: clinical and peer groups for LGBTQIA youth, outpatient mental health services, a food pantry, a Homeless transitional youth program, and senior support; and

WHEREAS, Contra Costa County's LGBTQIA 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, LGBTQIA 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 LGBTQIA community, is a symbol of support for the LGBTQIA community and its diversity, and this Board of Supervisors believes that flying the Progress Pride Flag at the seat of the

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 2022 as LGBTQIA 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 2022 following approval of this proclamation and encourages a safe and accepting environment for all members of the community.

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Chair, District IV Supervisor

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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 21, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator

By: _____, Deputy