

The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

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

Resolution No. 2022/237

WHEREAS, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQIA+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex and asexual) 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 inspire 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 designation 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. October 2016. CCHS began the first Gender Clinic -- the only clinic for transgender care, between Oakland and Sacramento, at that time; and

WHEREAS, research shows that between 2 - 7% 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, via 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 County seat, demonstrates the County's commitment to inclusivity and to being a welcoming place, for all Contra Costa County residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby 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.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 21st day of June 2022.

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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, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By *Monica Nino*, Deputy