

PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF HERCULES

WHEREAS, Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ rights movement that sparked a wave of activism and advocacy for equality, justice, and human rights for all individuals, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to celebrate the diversity, resilience, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community, acknowledge their invaluable impact on our society and history, reaffirm our commitment to the principles of dignity, respect, and inclusivity, and stand against discrimination, prejudice, and violence in all its forms, promoting a society where everyone can live authentically and freely; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Hercules who contribute to the enrichment of our city are a part of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hercules appreciates the value and dignity of each person, recognizes the importance of equality and freedom and acknowledges the positive contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community, actively promotes principles of equality, acceptance, and love; and

WHEREAS, the Pride flag is a symbol of pride, diversity, and unity within the LGBTQ+ community, has been flown at the City Hall throughout the month of June to symbolize the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Chris Kelley, Mayor of the City of Hercules, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby recognize June 2026 as Pride month in the City of Hercules and invite everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, and further, recognize Pride Month by flying the Pride Flag at City Hall during the month of June.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Hercules to be affixed this 9th day of June 2026.

Chris Kelley, Mayor