

Pride Month June 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Queer Plus (LGBTQ+) "Pride Month" throughout Redwood City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City joins the County of San Mateo to observe Pride Month with flying the Pride flag on Courthouse Square for the month of June to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQ+ people in society; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2020 the City Council added Equity as a foundational guiding principle, committing to put equity first and urging a collective restart so that policies serve the entire community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redwood City is therefore dedicated to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Redwood City Council calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for San Mateo County's LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, DIANE HOWARD, MAYOR OF REDWOOD CITY, on behalf of the City Council and the residents of Redwood City, that the City of Redwood City herby proclaims the month of June 2021 as Pride Month, and in honor of Pride Month raise the Pride Flag on Courthouse Square for the month of June.

Date: May 24, 2021



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