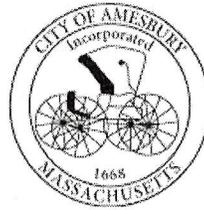


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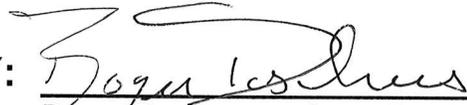
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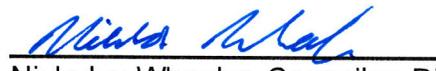


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A Resolution in Support of LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Summary: A Resolution Recognizing the Observance of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Amesbury welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

WHEREAS, June 28th, 2023 marks the 54th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City, which sparked the gay rights movement, and is the nationwide month to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate; and

WHEREAS, we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular our youth, who compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; to suffer from depression; to struggle with substance use; and to have attempted suicide; and

WHEREAS, we must remain vigilant in deterring oppression and discrimination against people on the basis of sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation; and

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WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear; and, now, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

That the Amesbury City Council hereby recognizes and supports the observance of the month of June, 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) "Pride Month"; and we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month. Further, the City Council also requests that the City officially recognize the observance of Pride Month by flying the Pride Flag at City Hall.