

CITY COUNCIL**The City of Orange Township, New Jersey**DATE May 16, 2023NUMBER 222-2023

TITLE: A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH DURING JUNE 2023 IN THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP AND CALLING ON CITIZENS TO ELIMINATE PREJUDICE EVERYWHERE IT EXISTS AND TO CELEBRATE THE GREAT DIVERSITY OF OUR CITIZENS. (Sponsored by Councilmember-At-Large Adrienne Wooten & South Ward Councilmember Jamie Summers-Johnson)

WHEREAS, Pride Month spans the month of June each year, this year beginning on Thursday, June 1 and ending on Friday, June 30; and

WHEREAS, Pride celebrations – including parades, festivals, parties and picnics – are held throughout the month in different cities across America; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Supreme Court decision guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBTQ+ Americans, ensuring dignity for same-sex couples and greater equality across State lines; and

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender LGBTQ+ people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, they have spurred sweeping progress by changing hearts and minds and by demanding equal treatment -- under our laws, from our courts, and in our politics; and

WHEREAS, this month, we recognize all they have done to bring us to this point, and we recommit to bending the arc of our Nation toward justice; and.

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals deserve to know their community stands beside them; and

WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary progress of the past few years, LGBTQ+ Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

WHEREAS, during LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all citizens of the City of Orange Township; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council of the City of Orange Township call upon the citizens of the City of Orange Township to celebrate June 2023 as Pride Month and to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our citizens.

Adopted: May 16, 2023

Joyce Lanier
City Clerk

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Council President