

City of Flagstaff – Office of the Mayor

Proclamation

The mission of the City of Flagstaff is to enhance quality of life and preserve the values of our community, an important part of which is embracing, respecting, and celebrating diversity; and We take pride in recognizing that civil rights and human rights construct a stronger foundation for Flagstaff as an inclusive community by promoting an environment that is welcoming and accepting and respectful of the dignity of all people; and

Flagstaff is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQIA2S+ people in our diverse community; and

We observe Pride Month with the raising of the Rainbow Flag to honor the history of the LGBTQIA2S+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

We note with alarm that across this nation, LGBTQIA2S+ persons, especially transgender women of color, have been targeted by acts of violence, and state-level laws are being enacted denying Transgender youth, athletes' health care and basic civil human rights; and

It is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

Celebrating Pride month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the Flagstaff community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights; and

Hand in hand, we commit to continuing our efforts to make Flagstaff a community inclusive of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer and questioning population, two spirit +; and the Northern Arizona Pride Association is celebrating the annual “Pride Month” in June 2022, the goal of which is to create a consistent effort in supporting and fostering acceptance for the LGBTQIAS+ community and persons, and

In partnership, the City of Flagstaff Commission on Diversity Awareness and Northern Arizona Pride Association recommend the designation of June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning, Two Spirit + Month, in unison with national and statewide observances;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PAUL DEASEY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FLAGSTAFF do hereby proclaim June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning, Two Spirit + month in the City of Flagstaff in recognition of celebrating and embracing equality with compassion and respect.

DATED this 7th day of June 2022.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK