

*Hidalgo County Commissioners Court*  
*declares June 2021 LGBTQ Pride Month*

*Whereas* 52 years ago this month, on June 27, 1969, the New York City Police Department raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar in the Greenwich Village neighborhood patronized by members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. The Stonewall Riots that followed that marked the beginning of the modern LGBT movement that transformed the oppression of people into a catalyst for pride and action; and

*Whereas* the Stonewall Riots are key to the development of the LGBT movement in not only the United States but also worldwide, and it also led to LGBT Pride Month, where governments and ordinary people alike mark the events of June 1969 while also committing to work for equal justice under the law for LGBT Americans; and

*Whereas* Hidalgo County's LGBT community from youth to senior citizens has the right to feel safe, not be discriminated against and not live with the threat of harassment and persecution; and

*Whereas* Hidalgo County leadership and staff have committed to make a LGBT-welcoming county; and

*Whereas* even after a the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in favor of same sex marriage, there is more work to be done to make sure that equality for all means all aspects of the LGBT community, and Hidalgo County wishes to be a leader in this quest; and

*Whereas* the LGBT community has made great strides, however equality, inclusion and acceptance are not yet fully achieved. These values are fundamental to our county's founding governing principles and are values that we all must practice and teach to future generations.

*Now therefore, be it proclaimed* that the Hidalgo County Commissioners Court does hereby declare the month of June 2021 as LGBT Pride Month.

***Approved this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2021.***

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**RICHARD F. CORTEZ**  
County Judge

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**DAVID L. FUENTES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 1

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**EDUARDO "EDDIE" CANTU**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 2

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**EVERARDO "EVER" VILLARREAL**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 3

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**ELLIE TORRES**  
County Commissioner, Pct. 4

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**Attest: ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR.**  
County Clerk