



## **LGBTQIA+ Pride Month June 2022**

**WHEREAS**, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and

**WHEREAS**, in the movement toward equal rights for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQIA+ citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the four decades since, civil rights for LGBTQIA+ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQIA+ Pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

**WHEREAS**, California has been a leader in advancing the civil rights of its LGBTQIA+ citizens. And while further progress is needed, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved, and the City of Clearlake stands with the LGBTQIA+ community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment for all, and to advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights as human rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Clearlake does hereby proclaim June 2022 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" in Clearlake and advocates for protections for all LGBTQIA+ individuals to make our community a place where all people, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, are treated with dignity and respect.

**Dated this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2022**

**Dirk Slooten, Mayor**