Proclamation Recognition of Pride Month June 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Del Rey Oaks is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, work, play and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Del Rey Oaks has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ+) community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equity for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents and business owners within the City of Del Rey Oaks who contribute to the enrichment of our City are a part of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Del Rey Oaks is strengthened by the diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents and business community members, all of which contribute to the character, talent, economy and leadership of our City.

WHEREAS, while critical steps have been made toward full LGBTQ+ equity and equality, members of our national, state and local community still face discrimination, exclusion and prejudice simply for being who they are and for whom they love; and

WHEREAS, discrimination against people from the LGBTQ+ community around the world make it imperative for cities like Del Rey Oaks to stand up and show support for our LGBTQ+ residents; and

WHEREAS, we respect and celebrate the richness and variety of cultures, values, traditions and uniqueness as they contribute to the tapestry of our community; and

WHEREAS, each of us can and should promote inclusiveness, celebrate diversity, support all fellow community members, prevent the spread of misinformation and reject hate and bias in all forms which will make Del Rey Oaks a stronger and healthier community; and

WHEREAS, June was chosen as national Pride Month to commemorate the 1969 protests and demonstrations in response to raids at the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village; and

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQ community and allies come together in various celebrations of pride; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, I, Scott Donaldson, Mayor of Del Rey Oaks, do hereby proclaim the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month, and encourage all residents to actively promote, support and help build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

Signed this 21st day of May, 2024