

PROCLAMATION

Town of Dundee, Florida

WHEREAS, Dundee, Florida, is part of a global community in which people of diverse cultures, races, creeds, genders and sexual identities must work together toward peace and understanding; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ residents, students, city employees and business owners within Dundee contribute to this vibrant, innovative, culturally-inclusive, world-class community and to its diversity; and,

WHEREAS, various advancements have been made with respect to equal rights and protections for all peoples including the LGBTQ+ community throughout the State of Florida and the United States; and,

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ communities still face ongoing discrimination based on their innate status, resulting in immeasurable human tragedy, loss of life, community isolation and abuse; and,

WHEREAS, PFLAG of Polk County envisions a world where diversity is celebrated and all people are respected, valued, and affirmed inclusive of their sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and,

WHEREAS, the Lakeland Youth Alliance provides a safe space for LGBTQ+ youth and their straight allies of Polk County; and,

WHEREAS, to celebrate the richness and diversity of Dundee, Polk Pride, PFLAG of Polk County and the Lakeland Youth Alliance, conducts various cultural, educational and entertainment activities, to focus attention on the importance of acceptance and respect for diversity among us.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Sam Pennant, Mayor of The Town of Dundee, do hereby proclaim June 2023, as

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

in Dundee, Florida, in honor of freedom from prejudice and bias in any form, and in recognition and praise of those members of our community who constantly fight the battle for equal treatment for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, creed, ethnic origin or religion.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED in regular session this 23rd day of May 2023.

TOWN OF DUNDEE, FLORIDA ATTEST:

Trevor Douthat, Town Clerk/IT Specialist

Samuel E. Pennant, Mayor