

# ***PROCLAMATION***

## **A PROCLAMATION TO COMMEMORATE PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS: The Stonewall Riots between June 28, 1969, and July 3, 1969, sparked the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) rights movement throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS: Each June, people around the world commemorate the courageous individuals who have fought for the rights of LGBTQ+ people throughout history; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota passed the Minnesota Human Rights Act in 1993, prohibiting discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations, public services, education, credit, and business; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota became the first Midwestern state to legalize same-sex marriage by legislative vote in 2013; and The United States Supreme Court in 2015 held that the right to marry is a fundamental right that may not be denied to same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS: The Safe and Supportive Schools Act, signed into law during the 2014 Minnesota Legislative Session, further reflects the desire to provide protections for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities or expressions; and

WHEREAS: in the GROW Grand Rapids 2040 Comprehensive Plan, a comprehensive system of community values and guiding principles were identified describing what is right, good and desirable and provides a foundation for making Grand Rapids a positive place to live for ALL people,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Grand Rapids, Itasca County, Minnesota, recognizes the significance of Pride month and supports its continued celebration to provide an opportunity to learn more about the LGBTQ+ community, and we recommit ourselves to creating a community where our LGBTQ+ community members are safe and thriving.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto  
subscribed my name and the seal of the  
City of Grand Rapids, Minnesota, this 28<sup>th</sup>  
day of June, Two thousand and twenty-  
one.

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Dale Christy, Mayor  
City of Grand Rapids