

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized across the United States as Pride Month, chosen to honor the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969 in New York City. In response to years of systemic harassment and discrimination, LGBTQIA+ patrons of the Stonewall Inn bravely resisted police raids. This pivotal event ignited the modern LGBTQIA+ civil rights movement, symbolizing the fight for equality, dignity, and visibility; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is not only a commemoration of the struggle for LGBTQIA+ rights but also a celebration of the progress made by courageous individuals throughout history, including openly gay politicians such as Harvey Milk, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States, and Tammy Baldwin, the first openly LGBTQ person elected to the U.S. Senate. Their public service has paved the way for greater representation, visibility, and change in American political life; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green Cove Springs is committed to fostering a welcoming, inclusive, and safe environment where all individuals—regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or expression—can live openly and with pride; and

WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, non-binary, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people are integral members of our community—contributing as residents, city employees, business owners, volunteers, and family members, enriching the civic and cultural fabric of Green Cove Springs; and

WHEREAS, the United States was founded upon principles of liberty and equality, and the continued fight for civil rights—including those of the LGBTQIA+ community—reflects our nation's ongoing journey toward realizing the promise that every person has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Green Cove Springs affirms its dedication to equity, diversity, and inclusion, and commits to working collaboratively with community partners and stakeholders to ensure that all residents—regardless of identity—feel seen, supported, and celebrated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Green Cove Springs hereby recognizes the month of June 2025 as Pride Month and encourages all residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equal rights and to celebrate the great diversity and strength of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Section 2. A true copy of this Proclamation shall be spread upon the Official Minutes of the City Council of the City of Green Cove Springs.

DONE AND PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, IN REGULAR SESSION THIS 17TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025.



CITY OF GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FLORIDA

Thomas M. Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:

Erin West, City Clerk