



PROCLAMATION

Office of the Mayor

Pride Month
June 2023

WHEREAS: Our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, and that is what Middletown strives to provide. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that advocate on behalf of marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS: In the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer-identifying (LGBTQ+) people, a historic turning point occurred in New York City on June 28, 1969, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ+ citizens rose up and protested against discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS: All people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination. Middletown celebrates the proud legacy LGBTQ+ individuals have woven into the fabric of our nation. We continue our work to build an inclusive and stigma-free society where every citizen knows that this Township supports them; and

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Tony Perry and the Middletown Township Committee, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as **Pride Month** in the Township of Middletown.

*Given, under my hand and the Great Seal of the Township of Middletown,
this 15th day of May in the year two thousand twenty three*

Mayor Tony Perry