

Council Order: 2024-006

**Introduced by: Council President Alexopoulos
February 5, 2024**

**DECLARATION THAT THE MONTH OF JUNE SHALL BE RECOGNIZED IN THE
TOWN OF RANDOLPH AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH**

To see if the Randolph Town Council will vote to recognize the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersexual, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month in the Town of Randolph;

WHEREAS, the City known as the Town of Randolph is home to the most diverse and inclusive community in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; and

WHEREAS, individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersexual, asexual, other gender identities, gender non-conforming and other sexualities, and their allies, have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to the Town of Randolph in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, June was originally celebrated as LGBTQ Pride Month in remembrance of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, which served as catalyst for the LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is currently observed in June each year around the world, and has come to commemorate the history and struggle of the community and to celebrate progress in the quest for equal rights and in the recognition of its members as a distinct social group; and

WHEREAS, we continue to celebrate and reflect upon the courage and accomplishments of the LGBTQIA+ community as the community fights to secure important rights and to secure the freedom to live freely and authentically:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that the Town Council of the Town of Randolph hereby recognizes the month of June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the Town of Randolph and authorizes the flying of the Progress Pride Rainbow Flag on the flagpole next to Town Hall for one day during the month of June each year, consistent with the Town of Randolph Flag Flying Policy, and hereby supports the celebration of the history, progress and contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community in the month of June, and throughout the year.