

Town of Sylva, NC

Proclamation

LGBTQ Pride Month

WHEREAS, *Our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans; and*

WHEREAS, *Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated nationwide each year in the month of June; and*

WHEREAS, *June was selected as Pride month to commemorate the events that occurred 50+ years ago, known as the Stonewall Riots—demonstrations that protested the targeting of LGBTQ patrons of The Stonewall Inn and Greenwich Village; and*

WHEREAS, *Everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and hatred based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation; and*

WHEREAS, *The Town of Sylva strives to ensure that our town is a place where all people—regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression—are treated with dignity and respect; and*

WHEREAS, *The Town of Sylva has a diverse community that includes people of all ethnicities, religions, and professions and we welcome the rich diversity of our population; and*

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED *by the Town of Sylva Board of Commissioners, that the month of June is recognized as Pride Month, joining in national recognition to celebrate the LGBTQ community.*

Approved this the 23rd day of May 2024.

Johnny Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amanda W. Murajda, Town Clerk