

**PROCLAMATION
OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT**

WHEREAS, in 2022, proclamations were signed by the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of California declaring June as Pride Month; and the County of Humboldt joined the State of California and federal government in observation of Pride Month to honor the history of the LGBTQIA+ people and support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is annually celebrated as Two Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (2SLGBTQIA+) Pride Month throughout the country to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, which is acknowledged as a tipping point for the 2SLGBTQIA+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the first Pride march was held on June 28, 1970, in New York City, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and continue across the U.S. and in Humboldt County; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in society and shall be raised annually throughout the month of June at County of Humboldt facilities; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ people are residents, colleagues, leaders, neighbors and loved ones who continue to have influential and lasting contributions that make the county a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Humboldt is committed to supporting visibility, safety, dignity and equality for 2SLGBTQIA+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the County of Humboldt's first Queer Affinity Group was established, and is a space for 2SLGBTQIA+ employees and their allies within the organization to convene for the purpose of policy suggestion, networking, and professional development. The Queer Affinity Group is designed to cultivate an inclusive workspace for all employees and is not intended to be a space of educating but organizational progress; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports 2SLGBTQIA+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice within Humboldt County and across the nation; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the County of Humboldt calls upon the people of this county to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month promotes awareness and provides support and advocacy for Humboldt County's 2SLGBTQIA+ community and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, advance equal rights, and to honor the humanity of all LGBTQIA+ people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 2024, and annually thereafter, as Pride Month in celebration and support of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.

June 4, 2024



Rex Bohn, Chair