

**RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2023**

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recall the trials the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community has endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought – and continue to fight – for full equality; and

WHEREAS, during LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically. In doing so, they are opening hearts and minds, and laying the foundation for a more just and equitable America; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA+ community has worked tirelessly for respect and equality. Their battles have been fought in the courts, from marriage equality to demanding equal protection under the law; and

WHEREAS, today, the rights of LGBTQIA+ Americans are under relentless attack. Members of the LGBTQIA+ community – especially people of color and trans people – continue to face discrimination and cruel, persistent efforts to undermine their human rights. All of this compounded has been especially difficult on LGBTQIA+ youth, 45 percent of whom seriously considered attempting suicide in the last year – a devastating reality that our Nation must work urgently to address; and

WHEREAS, in South San Francisco we celebrate and support our LGBTQIA+ community’s right to live their lives out loud – during Pride Month and every month. As we celebrate Pride Month across the State of California, we must continue to demand equal rights for all.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim June as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month by flying the Intersex-Inclusive Pride Progress flag at the South San Francisco City Hall in addition to raising the Transgender Flag on our City Hall balcony. We affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people, and dedicate ourselves to protecting the more vulnerable among us.*

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