

CELEBRATION OF JUNE AS LGBT PRIDE MONTH

June 12, 2019

WHEREAS, this month commemorates the events of June 1969 when an uprising was staged in New York City at the Stonewall Inn against the police harassment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) persons; and

WHEREAS, the first time June was recognized as Gay and Lesbian Pride month was in 2000 when President William Jefferson “Bill” Clinton, our nation’s 42nd President, issued Presidential Proclamation 7316; and

WHEREAS, in Presidential Proclamation 7316, President Clinton recognized the prejudice and discrimination faced by (LGBT) persons who “have had to hide or deny their sexual orientation in order to keep their jobs or to live safely in their communities” and the “prejudice against gays and lesbians can still erupt into acts of hatred and violence”; and

WHEREAS, in June 2009, President Barack Hussein Obama II, our nation’s 44th President, issued Presidential Proclamation 8386, which designated June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month and calls upon all U.S. residents to “commit to achieving equal justice under the law for LGBT Americans” and “to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists”; and

WHEREAS, since June 2009, President Obama has issued annual proclamations for the celebration of LGBT Pride Month, and on May 30, 2014, issued Presidential Proclamation 9136 that called upon the nation to “celebrate victories that have affirmed freedom and fairness, and we recommit ourselves to completing the work that remains”; and

WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 9136, references the 2013 case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, Windsor v. United States that struck down the 1996 Defense of Marriage law as unconstitutional and ends with a call for greater tolerance: “Following their example, let each of us speak for tolerance, Justice, and dignity – because if hearts and minds continue to change over time, laws will too.”

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of South San Francisco in its continuing efforts to reaffirm its commitment of diversity and inclusion in the City, unanimously carried Resolution 17-2017 on February 22, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Karyl Matsumoto and the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby declare June, 2019, as LGBT Pride Month, and that the City is proudly celebrating June as LGBT Pride Month by flying the LGBT pride flag at City Hall, 400 Grand Avenue, and illuminating the building in rainbow colors.

Karyl Matsumoto, Mayor

Richard Garbarino, Vice Mayor

Mark Addiego, Council Member

Mark Nagales, Council Member

Buenaflor Nicolas, Council Member

Dated: June 12, 2019