

IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH
May 27, 2020

WHEREAS, as we celebrate and declare June as Pride month in California, we are reminded of what makes California great – our remarkable capacity to live together and advance together across every conceivable difference; and

WHEREAS, this June, we stand with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community of California and the City of South San Francisco as they declare their pride in who they are and who they love; and

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 LGBTQ persons; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, President William Jefferson “Bill” Clinton, our nation’s 42nd President, issued the first Gay and Lesbian Pride Month proclamation. This historic action marked, as the President said, the Stonewall Uprising and the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement. In the proclamation, President Clinton encouraged all Americans to observe this month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity, and to remember throughout the year the gay and lesbian Americans whose many and varied contributions have enriched our national life; and,

WHEREAS, this 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, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, members of the LGBTQ community in the United States and around the world still face an unacceptable level of discrimination and violence; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Richard Garbarino and the City Council of the City of South San Francisco do hereby proclaim June as LGBTQ Pride Month by flying the Pride flag at the South San Francisco City Hall and illuminating the building in rainbow colors.

Richard Garbarino, Mayor

Mark Addiego, Vice Mayor

Karyl Matsumoto, Council Member

Mark Nagales, Council Member

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