

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, in June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City defied an unjust policy and stood up to actively resist the harassment and persecution to which LGBTQ+ people were commonly subjected; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria is proud to remember inspiring and brave leaders who fought for justice and dignity, as well as the allies who supported them, and celebrate the current leaders forging ahead; and

WHEREAS, in the spirit of those historic leaders and in continuing the work for equity, the Alexandria LGBTQ+ Task Force provides an inclusive forum where LGBTQIA+ people and allies gather quarterly to network, share ideas, and plan training and community events. With a broad, representative membership, the enduring goal of the Task Force since 2007 is to facilitate safe and inclusive service provision in the City of Alexandria that affirms a person’s sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, today, members of the LGBTQ+ community—especially people of color and transgender people—continue to face discrimination and cruel, persistent efforts to undermine their rights as humans; and

WHEREAS, unlike in some communities, wherein LGBTQIA+ people, particularly transgender youth, are increasingly demeaned, diminished, and targeted by legislation, policy, and action; Alexandria City leaders, employees, and community members support, uplift, and provide inclusive services and a safe, nurturing environment so that LGBTQIA+ people can flourish; and

WHEREAS, for the fifth consecutive year the City of Alexandria achieved the maximum possible score of 100 on the 2024 Municipal Equality Index, a national assessment by the Human Rights Campaign of LGBTQ+ equality in municipal policies, laws, and services. Alexandria is one of only 130 cities across the U.S. to receive a perfect score; and

WHEREAS, in September 2024, the Alexandria City Council adopted a resolution declaring the City safe haven for LGBTQIA+ people, and committed the City to protecting the rights of LGBTQIA+ Alexandrians through its own policies, with its legislative advocacy, and by supporting relevant litigation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria reaffirms its commitment to supporting LGBTQIA+ people and strengthening LGBTQIA+ rights because they are human rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize June 2025, as:

“LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH”

In the City of Alexandria and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this tenth day of June, 2025.

MAYOR ALYIA GASKINS
On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk