

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, on June 28 of 1969, several thousand brave individuals protested the unjust and violent actions of the New York City police against the LGBTQIA+ community at Stonewall Inn; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria commemorates the multi-night protests resisting the police raids across the community and embracing the unity of the LGBTQIA+ movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria honors the legacy of those who have advanced the fight for equality and affirms its support for current and emerging leaders who continue to navigate and challenge marginalization and oppression, guided by the enduring reminder from activist Marsha P. Johnson that “there is no pride for some of us without liberation for all of us”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria proudly recognizes the Alexandria LGBTQIA+ Task Force for fostering an inclusive space where LGBTQIA+ individuals and allies convene to build community, share ideas, and advance initiatives that support equity and belonging; and for its ongoing partnership with the Alexandria Library, Department of Community and Human Services, and other community organizations to host the City’s annual Pride fair; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria recognizes that the broader political landscape has intensified challenges faced by the LGBTQIA+ community, particularly transgender individuals and people of color, and reaffirms its commitment to fostering inclusive, supportive spaces for all; and

WHEREAS, for the sixth consecutive year, the City of Alexandria earned a perfect score of 100 on the 2025 Municipal Equality Index, a national assessment by the Human Rights Campaign evaluating LGBTQ+ equality in municipal policies, laws, and services, and is one of the only 132 cities nationwide to receive this distinction; and

WHEREAS, in September 2025, the Alexandria City Council commemorated the one-year anniversary of the adoption of a resolution affirming the City as a safe and inclusive space for LGBTQIA+ individuals and reinforcing its commitment to protecting the rights of LGBTQIA+ Alexandrians; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria continues to uplift and support the voices, dignity, and rights of the LGBTQIA+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ALYIA GASKINS, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize June 2026 as:

“LGBTQIA+ 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 9th day of June 2026.

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

ATTEST:

Gloria A. Sitton, CMC City Clerk