



TOWN OF KENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECOGNITION OF THE MONTH OF JUNE AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

The undersigned hereby certifies that they are the duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, which municipality is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut (the "Municipality"). The undersigned further certifies that the following is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the of Board of Selectmen of Kent duly called and held on the 5th day of May, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout.

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama declared June LGBT Pride Month in 2010, stating "I call upon all Americans to observe this month by fighting prejudice and discrimination in their own lives and everywhere it exists." – Proclamation 8529 by U.S President Barack Obama, May 28, 2010; and

WHEREAS, June has henceforth been designated as a time to celebrate our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning (LGBTQ+) community, with the express purpose of raising awareness of quality services, and to foster a dialogue to promote healthy, safe, and prosperous climates and communities for all; and

WHEREAS, all Kent, CT residents should be able to live and work in a safe and inclusive community free from discrimination, and civil rights laws contribute to such environments; and

WHEREAS, the lack of awareness and understanding of issues facing LGBTQ+ individuals has contributed to higher rates of school dropout, harassment, and increased mental health challenges; and

WHEREAS, education regarding LGBTQ+ issues increase understanding and cultivates respect for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, policies that specifically mention sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression are associated with citizens feeling safer; decreased incidents of harassment related to sexual orientation; and a greater reporting of incidents; and

WHEREAS, flying the rainbow flag throughout the month of June further symbolizes Kent's celebration of diversity and support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and Questioning community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the town of Kent, CT recognizes the month of June each year as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and will fly the Pride flag at the Kent Town Hall during the month of June each year to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish a safe environment in our community; and that this resolution be distributed and displayed at the Town Hall during the month of June each year.

Given under my hand as Town Clerk of Kent this 6th day of May, 2022.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Darlene Brady
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