

## PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one of the catalysts for the LGBTQ+ movement for civil rights was the June, 1969 Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as Pride Month nationwide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church is proud of the meaningful, long-lasting impacts that LGBTQ+ people have made and the contributions they have brought to the City's rich and diverse culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church joins the LGBTQ+ community in a celebration of diversity and unity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Falls Church remains committed to treating all people with fairness and respect and to creating a community where everyone can live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, or hatred based on gender identity or sexual orientation;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Falls Church recognizes that the inherent dignity and equal and inalienable rights of all people is the foundation of freedom, justice, and peace; and

WHEREAS, the commemoration of these events underscores our determination to support, preserve and advance the civil rights guaranteed for all;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID TARTER, Mayor of the City of Falls Church, Virginia, do hereby proclaim the month of June as

### **Pride Month**

in the City of Falls Church and urge all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Falls Church, Virginia to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Tarter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

David Tarter, Mayor