

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 2022 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 23rd day of May 2022.



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Tarter", is written over a horizontal line.

David Tarter, Mayor