



Agenda Report

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

SUBJECT

Proclamation of June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month

BACKGROUND

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots and to recognize the impact that LGBTQ individuals have had on our nation's history.

On June 28, 1969, patrons of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) individuals were commonly subjected. The Stonewall riots mark the beginning of the LGBT civil rights movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices, and paved the way forward towards LGBTQ equality. LGBTQ pride celebrations have taken place every June in recognition of the Stonewall riots.

In June 2017, the City of Santa Clara flew the LGBTQ Pride rainbow flag for the first time in the City's history. In May 2019, the City Council adopted a resolution (Attachment 1) authorizing the annual display of the LGBTQ Pride rainbow flag during the month of June, unless and until the resolution is rescinded.

DISCUSSION

Mayor Lisa M. Gillmor has issued a City proclamation (Attachment 2) proclaiming the month of June 2020 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Santa Clara and encouraging the celebration of the progress made towards justice, equality, and full civic recognition for LGBTQ persons.

In honor of LGBTQ Pride Month, the City Council raised the LGBTQ Pride rainbow flag over Santa Clara City Hall on June 5, 2020. The rainbow flag will fly over Santa Clara City Hall through the end of the month as part of the City's commemoration of LGBTQ Pride Month.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This is an information report only and no action is being taken by the City Council and no environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") is required.

PUBLIC CONTACT

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 19-8705
2. LGBTQ Pride Month Proclamation