PROCLAMATION FOR LGBTQIA PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Natick Select Board believes in the inherent dignity of everyone who lives or spends time in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Select Board appreciates LGBTQIA cultural, civic, and neighborly contributions to the community we all share; and

WHEREAS the Select Board considers it imperative that everyone in Natick, of every sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feels valued, safe, empowered, and supported by peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month has been celebrated in June since the 1969 Stonewall Uprising, in which LGBTQIA people and allies fought against discrimination, harassment, and worse;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Natick Select Board declares the month of June 2021 as LGBTQIA Pride Month in Natick, Massachusetts, and urges all to recognize the contributions of LGBTQIA people, and to actively promote the principles of equity, liberty, and justice.

Karen Adelman-Foster Chair, Natick Select Board

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