

PROCLAMATION FOR LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Natick Select Board believes in the inherent dignity and worth of all who live, work, and spend time in our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Natick Select Board values the substantial and considerable LGBTQ+ contributions to our community; and,

WHEREAS, the Natick Select Board strongly upholds the rights of all who live, work, and spend time in Natick, of every sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, to be safe, valued, empowered, and supported by our neighbors and community leaders; and,

WHEREAS, Pride Month honors the June 28, 1969, Stonewall Inn Uprising in New York City, where members of the LGBTQ+ community and their friends were assaulted, harassed, arrested and worse; and,

WHEREAS, the resistance of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies to the events of June 28, 1969, marked the beginning of a heightened consciousness of the injustice of discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the Natick Select Board embraces the rights of the LGBTQ+ community to live their lives freely as their authentic selves;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that the Natick Select Board, on this the 31st day of May, 2023, declares the month of June, 2023, as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Natick, Massachusetts, and urges all to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ people, and to promote the principles of equity, liberty, and justice.

Bruce T. Evans, Chair

Kathryn M. Coughlin, Vice-Chair

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