



HONORING & RECOGNIZING  
THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024 AS  
LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN VENTURA COUNTY

**WHEREAS**, ON JUNE 28, 1969, THE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER+ (LGBTQ+) COMMUNITY TOOK A BRAVE STAND FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AT THE STONEWALL INN LOCATED IN NEW YORK CITY, MARKING A MONUMENTAL STEP FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE AND EQUAL RIGHTS; AND

**WHEREAS**, THROUGHOUT HISTORY AND WORLDWIDE, LGBTQ+ PEOPLE HAVE OFTEN BEEN THE OBJECT OF MARGINALIZATION AND PERSECUTION, INCLUDING VIOLENCE, CRIMINALIZATION, AND LACK OF FUNDAMENTAL CIVIL RIGHTS PROTECTION; AND

**WHEREAS**, EACH JUNE, CITIES AND COUNTIES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES CELEBRATE LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE BRAVERY IT TAKES FOR LGBTQ+ PEOPLE TO BUILD COMMUNITY AND PROMOTE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL; AND

**WHEREAS**, WHILE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE SINCE STONEWALL, MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY AND THEIR FAMILIES STILL FACE DISCRIMINATION SIMPLY FOR BEING WHO THEY ARE; AND

**WHEREAS**, VISIBILITY AND BEING SEEN FOR WHO THEY ARE IS AN IMPORTANT FIRST STEP FOR MANY IN THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY IN THEIR JOURNEY OF SELF-AWARENESS AND ACCEPTANCE; AND

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ YOUNG PEOPLE ARE MORE LIKELY THAN THEIR NON-LGBTQ+ PEERS TO EXPERIENCE MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS, INCLUDING STRESS, ANXIETY, AND DEPRESSION; AND

**WHEREAS**, EVERY YOUNG PERSON MUST HAVE EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY AND FREEDOM FROM THE FEAR THAT THEIR BASIC CIVIL AND EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS WILL BE TAKEN AWAY FROM THEM; AND

**WHEREAS**, YOUNG PEOPLE WHO DEVELOP IN POSITIVE SCHOOL CLIMATES, FREE OF BULLYING, HARASSMENT, AND DISCRIMINATION, REPORT GREATER PHYSICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SAFETY, GREATER MENTAL WELL-BEING, AND IMPROVED EDUCATIONAL AND LIFE OUTCOMES; AND

**WHEREAS**, OLDER LGBTQ+ ADULTS IN THIS COMMUNITY FACE DIFFICULT CHALLENGES ON TOP OF NEEDS TIED TO AGING THAT CONTRIBUTE TO A RELIANCE ON OUTSIDE SERVICES, SUCH AS DISCRIMINATION AND STIGMA, AND BIASES FROM SERVICE PROVIDERS THAT THEY RELY ON FOR OFTEN VERY PERSONAL NEEDS; AND

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH OFFERS THE COMMUNITY AN OPPORTUNITY TO CELEBRATE AND EMBRACE THE WORK OF INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE CONTINUOUSLY FOUGHT TO CREATE EQUALITY FOR ALL; AND

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ VENTURA COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE OUR FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, AND CO-WORKERS. IN SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH, WE ARE SUPPORTING OUR OWN; AND

**WHEREAS**, MANY CITIES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES IN VENTURA COUNTY, US EMBASSIES WORLDWIDE, AND OTHER ENTITIES FLY THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG IN JUNE IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, THAT THE VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TAKES GREAT PLEASURE IN HONORING AND RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN VENTURA COUNTY AND WILL RAISE THE PRIDE PROGRESS FLAG AT THE VENTURA COUNTY GOVERNMENT CENTER AND OTHER COUNTY FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE.

PRESENTED ON THIS 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024

  
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CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KELLY LONG, SUPERVISOR 3RD DISTRICT

  
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MATT LAVERE, SUPERVISOR 1ST DISTRICT

  
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JEFF CORBELL, SUPERVISOR 2ND DISTRICT

  
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JANICE S. PARVIN, SUPERVISOR 4TH DISTRICT

  
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VIANEY LOPEZ, SUPERVISOR 5TH DISTRICT