

PROCLAMATION

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE MONTH – JUNE 2018

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been a long time coming for many individuals; and

WHEREAS, some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have strived to bring one group after another from the margins to the acceptance of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, during these riots, LGBT citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, in the four decades since, civil rights for LGBT people have grown substantially, and LGBT pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, California has been a leader in advancing the civil rights of its LGBT citizens, and while further progress is needed, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

WHEREAS, the City of Culver City is fortunate to be a diverse community, including LGBT residents; and

WHEREAS, our community welcomes people of all sexual orientations and gender identities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Culver City, California hereby proclaims June 2018, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month, calls upon the community to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and celebrates the great diversity of our people.

Dated this 29rd day of May 2018.

Thomas Aujero Small – Mayor

Meghan Sahli-Wells – Vice Mayor

Göran Eriksson – Council Member

Alex Fisch – Council Member

Daniel Lee – Council Member