IN RECOGNITION OF PRIDE MONTH

JUNE 2022

WHEREAS,

PRIDE MONTH IS CELEBRATED NATIONWIDE EACH YEAR IN THE MONTH OF JUNE. THIS MONTH WAS CHOSEN TO COMMEMORATE THE HISTORIC RIOT THAT TOOK PLACE AT STONEWALL INN IN NEW YORK CITY ON JUNE 28, 1969. THIS WAS A TURNING POINT FOR LGBTQ+ LIBERATION IN THE UNITED STATES - GIVING RISE TO THE MODERN LGBTQ+ RIGHTS MOVEMENT; AND

WHEREAS.

DESPITE EXTRAORDINARY PROGRESS, LGBTQ+ AMERICANS STILL FACE DISCRIMINATION SIMPLY FOR BEING WHO THEY ARE. THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD STANDS WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY IN THE STRUGGLE TO ENSURE EQUAL TREATMENT FOR ALL AND FURTHER CONDEMNING DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE BASED ON SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND/OR GENDER IDENTITY AND/OR GENDER EXPRESSION; AND

WHEREAS.

MEMBERS OF HOLLYWOOD'S LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR CITY'S SUCCESS AND STRENGTHS IN IMMEASURABLE WAYS FROM NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, ECONOMIC VITALITY, ARTS, CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT, TO THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF OUR NATION; AND

WHEREAS,

HOLLYWOOD IS A DIVERSE CITY AND PRIDES ITSELF ON INCLUSIVITY TO PROTECT ITS RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, SEX, RELIGION, DISABILITY, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PLACE OF BIRTH, FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY AND/OR EXPRESSION OR NATIONAL ORIGIN; AND

WHEREAS,

THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD HAS PARTNERED WITH THE HOLLYWOOD LGBTQ+ COUNCIL TO HOST THE ANNUAL PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT CITY HALL TO BUILD AWARENESS OF, AND SUPPORT FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. IN 2020, HOLLYWOOD BECAME THE FIRST CITY IN SOUTH FLORIDA TO FLY THE PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG AT CITY HALL DURING PRIDE MONTH; AND

WHEREAS,

THE HOLLYWOOD LGBTQ+ COUNCIL HAS ESTABLISHED AN ANNUAL EVENT CALLED *MY HOLLYWOOD PRIDE*, WHICH OCCURRED IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR AND INCLUDED CELEBRATION OF HOLLYWOOD'S PERFECT SCORE OF 100 ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN'S MUNICIPAL EQUALITY INDEX, YOUTH ACTIVITIES, MUSIC AND PERFORMANCES; AND

WHEREAS.

PRIDE MONTH CELEBRATES NOT ONLY LGBTQ+ RESIDENTS, PROFESSIONALS, BUSINESS OWNERS, COMMUNITY LEADERS, STUDENTS, RETIREES, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTRIBUTE TO A STRONGER COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO CELEBRATES THOSE WHO STAND PROUDLY AS ALLIES; NOW

THEREFORE,

JOSH LEVY, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, AND THE HOLLYWOOD CITY COMMISSION, HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022, AS "PRIDE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA AND URGE ALL RESIDENTS TO JOIN IN ENDING PREJUDICE EVERYWHERE IT MAY EXIST, RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE, AND CELEBRATE THE DIVERSITY AND RICHNESS OR OUR CITY.

SIGNED THIS 1ST DAY OF JUNE 2022, AT HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA

MAYOR JOSH LEVY
VICE MAYOR CARYL SHUHAM
COMMISSIONER LINDA HILL ANDERSON
COMMISSIONER TRACI L. CALLARI
COMMISSIONER ADAM GRUBER
COMMISSIONER KEVIN D. BIEDERMAN
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