



A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

In Recognition of LGBTQ Pride Month – June 2021

WHEREAS, the City of Smyrna cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the City of Smyrna to live, work and play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Smyrna denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 in response to discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City of Smyrna appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders, and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ people continue to celebrate authentic, acceptance, and love.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Derek Norton, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Smyrna and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community and actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 7th day of June in the year of Our Lord 2021.


Mayor

Derek Norton

