

PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation recognizing June 2021 in honor of LGBTQ Pride Month

WHEREAS, The struggle for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton, on June 2, 2000, declared June "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month" to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan and on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama expanded the commemoration further by declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month; and

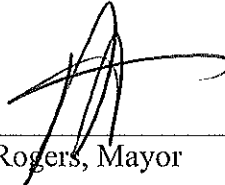
WHEREAS, June 28, 2021 marked the sixteenth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising which broke out following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, targeting LGBTQ patrons and other marginalized people, in violation of their civil rights, leading to the birth of the "Gay Rights Movement;" and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ Americans, including those who live in our local communities, face discrimination simply for being who they are and for who they love and there remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every person; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Supreme Court decision of 2015 guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBTQ Americans and continues to affirm our belief that we are all more free when we are treated as equals; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS PROCLAIMED, that on this 7th day of June 2021, by the Mayor and City Council, and on behalf of the citizens of the City of Newberg, Oregon, that we proclaim the month of June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Pride Month; and encourage all community residents to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists and to celebrate our great diversity by taking part in community events throughout June which focus on and celebrate our LGBTQ neighbors.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Newberg to be affixed on this 7th day of June, 2021.


Rick Rogers, Mayor