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Special recognition of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to recognize the impact and the progress the LGBTQ+ community have had on equality and civil rights and to increase understanding toward the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, the first Pride march was held in New York City, commemorating the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, in which thousands marched to resist the harassment in which LGBTQ+ individuals were subjected; and

WHEREAS, celebrations today include parades, workshops, and concerts that attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials also are held to honor members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Americans face discrimination, including hate speech and hate crimes for being who they are and for who they love, and there remains much work to do to ensure equality and inclusiveness for every person; and

WHEREAS, Lake County's strength is rooted in our people and their diversity. All sexual orientations, all genders, all races, all religions, all countries of origins, all incomes, and all who live, work and play in Lake County are welcome here; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating its commitment to support the dignity, worth, and freedom of the LGBTQ+ community, the Lake County Board approved to raise and display the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag in the Lincoln Plaza at the Lake County Administrative Complex in Waukegan through June 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RECOGNIZED that the Lake County Board does hereby observe June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride Month and encourages all residents to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists and celebrate our great diversity.

DATED at Waukegan, Lake County, Illinois on June 8, 2021.