

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBTQ+ Americans; and

WHEREAS, fifty years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a courageous group of citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become known as the Stonewall Uprising and the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement; and

WHEREAS, Gays and lesbians, their families and friends, celebrate the anniversary of Stonewall every June in America as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 1999 President Clinton issued Proclamation No. 7203 for Gay and Lesbian Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009, President Obama issued Proclamation No. 8387 pointing to both the contributions made by LGBTQ Americans and in broader initiatives such as the response to the global HIV pandemic, calling upon the people of the United States to “turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists”; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Appleton became the third city in Wisconsin to prohibit housing discrimination based on gender identity; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, City Council member Vered Meltzer became the first openly transgender elected official in Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2019, Governor Evers issued Executive Order #29 and raised the LGBTQ flag over the state Capitol building for the first time in Wisconsin’s history;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, TIMOTHY M. HANNA, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 2019, as

LGBTQ+ Month

in Appleton and urge all citizens to honor, celebrate and promote equal rights to all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.



Signed and sealed this 19th day of June, 2019.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy M. Hanna", is written over a horizontal line.

TIMOTHY M. HANNA
MAYOR OF APPLETON