

# PROCLAMATION



## Office of the Mayor

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

**WHEREAS**, fifty-four years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a courageous group of people of color and gender non-conforming citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, Appleton strives to be a community where all people can feel at home in health and safety no matter who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, Appleton has been a leader in fostering an inclusive community through policy, such as becoming the third city in Wisconsin to prohibit housing discrimination based on gender identity and adopted comprehensive non-discrimination protections consisting of domestic partner benefits and employment and accommodations for trans and gender non-conforming people in 2013 and banning practices such as conversion therapy for minors in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, our community is enriched and enhanced by the contributions of LGBTQ+ residents, who are volunteers, business owners, elected officials, organizational leaders, neighbors, and friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT I, JACOB A. WOODFORD**, Mayor of the City of Appleton, Wisconsin, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as

## Pride Month

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

Signed and sealed this 14th day of May 2024.



**JACOB A. WOODFORD**  
MAYOR OF APPLETON

\*Pursuant to this Proclamation and in accordance with the Special Flag Policy, a special flag will be flown at City Hall on Friday, May 31, 2024.