

RESOLUTION NO.

Resolution of the Town of San Anselmo Declaring June LGBTQ Pride Month and Directing Staff to Fly the Rainbow Flag Throughout the Month of June at Town Hall

The San Anselmo Town Council DOES RESOLVE as follows:

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, employees, and business owners within the Town of San Anselmo who contribute to the enrichment of our Town are part of the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQ persons, and supporters, come together in various celebrations of pride; and

WHEREAS, cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQ Pride month; and

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo feels it remains important to communicate its support for inclusivity, equality and respect in our City, and desires to recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQ Pride month; and

WHEREAS, the Town of San Anselmo strives to be a place where all residents and visitors feel accepted and welcome; and

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Flag, also known as the LGBTQ Pride Flag or Gay Pride Flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQ pride and social movements; and

WHEREAS, flying the Town's Rainbow Pride Flag at Town Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes San Anselmo's official recognition of June as LGBTQ Pride month, reflects the Town of San Anselmo's viewpoint, and symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, under the government speech doctrine, the Town may advance its own speech without requiring viewpoint neutrality when the government itself is the speaker, so long as the Town does not show religious preference or encourage a certain vote in an election; and

WHEREAS, this request has originated from a request made by a seated Councilmember, and subsequently by the full Council, and is consistent with the flagpole policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Council does resolve as follows:

Section 1.

The Town Council hereby declares the month of June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Town of San Anselmo and directs staff to fly the Rainbow Pride Flag on a flagpole at Town Hall throughout the month of June.

Section 2.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo on the 24th day of May 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: NOES:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

Alexis Fineman , Mayor

ATTEST:

Carla Kacmar, Town Clerk