



P R O C L A M A T I O N

Recognizing June 2025 as Pride Month

- Whereas, Annual Reminders, a series of peaceful pickets organized by gay and lesbian organizations, were held yearly on July 4 from 1965 through 1969 at Independence Hall in Philadelphia requesting equal rights for all citizens, with the last Annual Reminder held shortly after the June 28, 1969, Stonewall riots; and*
- Whereas, in June 1970, the first pride marches were held in four U.S. cities (New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and San Francisco) to commemorate the riots at Stonewall Inn; and*
- Whereas, in 1999, President Bill Clinton recognized June as "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month," and in 2011, President Obama included recognition of the LGBT community; and*
- Whereas, the Bay Area is steeped in Pride History from the creation of the original pride flag designed by Gilbert Baker, to the election of the first openly gay man, Harvey Milk, the creation of Drag Queen Story Hours, and the fight to legalize same-sex marriages; and*
- Whereas, Burlingame is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and*
- Whereas, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and*
- Whereas, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Burlingame City Council calls upon the people of this city to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and*
- Whereas, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for San Mateo County's LGBTQ+ community, and it is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights.*

Now therefore, I, Peter Stevenson, Mayor of the City of Burlingame, do hereby recognize June 2024 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Burlingame to be affixed this 2nd day of June, 2025

Peter Stevenson, Mayor