

WAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PROCLAMATION

Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) Pride Month

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT+) Pride Month is celebrated nationwide in June each year; and

WHEREAS, this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, on the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBT+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, it is important to remember those affected by the riots and to reflect on the LGBT+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, despite great progress, LGBT+ Americans still face discrimination simply for who they are; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wake stands with the LGBT+ Community in the struggle to ensure equal treatment for all; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wake will continue to defend and advocate for LGBT+ rights as human rights; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 24, N.C. Reg. 958-962, which was issued on October 18, 2017, established policies prohibiting discrimination, harassment, and retaliation on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression in state employment, state services and state contracts under the jurisdiction of the Office of the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 24 directed the Secretary of the Department of Administration to create the Commission on Inclusion to identify additional policies and measures that promote diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the County of Wake strives to make our community a place where all people - regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression - are treated equally;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Wake County Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as LGBT+ Pride Month and commend its observance to all citizens.

ADOPTED this the 3rd day of June 2024.

Shinica Thomas, Chair Wake County Board of Commissioners