

Resolution No. 2019 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER (LGBT) PRIDE MONTH IN SOLANO COUNTY

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride (LGBT) month is recognized to commemorate the historic event of the Stonewall uprising where members of the gay community took a stand for human rights and dignity at the Stonewall Inn in New York City on June 28, 1969 - fifty years ago this month. This decisive moment in history was followed by the creation of gay rights organizations in every major city in the United States within two years of Stonewall; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, the Civil Service Commission eliminated the ban on the employment of homosexuals in most Federal jobs; in January 1978, Harvey Milk was sworn in as an openly gay elected official as a member of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors; in May 1996, in Romer v. Evans, the Supreme Court decided that a Colorado constitutional amendment preventing the enactment of protections for gays and lesbians in the State was unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2003, the Supreme Court ruled in Lawrence v. Texas, that under the 14th Amendment, States could not criminalize the private, intimate relationships of same-sex couples; on October 28, 2009, the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act expanded existing Federal hate crimes laws to include crimes motivated by a victim's actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; in December 2010, Don't Ask, Don't Tell was repealed, allowing gays, lesbians, and bisexuals to serve openly in the Armed Forces; on June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court ruled, in United States v. Windsor, that section three of the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) was unconstitutional and that the Federal Government cannot discriminate against married lesbian and gay couples for the purposes of determining Federal benefits and protections; and

WHEREAS, the 2015 landmark Supreme Court decision was a historic victory for LGBT Americans, guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States, ensuring dignity for same-sex couples and therefore all couples; and

WHEREAS, 2019 is the 21st year of the LGBTQ Community coming together to show our pride in Solano County through service, and support that builds our community, in the organization known as Solano Pride; and

WHEREAS, Solano Pride provides services for the LGBT citizens in Solano County offering social, recreational and educational activities, counseling, information, and a youth group. Founded in 1998, Solano Pride is a 501(c)(3) organization, and is funded by Solano County Mental Health and individual contributions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize June 2019, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month and orders the rainbow flag to be flown at the County Government Center June 10th through 17th.

Dated this 4th day of June, 2019

ERIN HANNIGAN, Chairwoman
Solano County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
BIRGITTA E. CORSELLO, Clerk
Solano County Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk