

Resolution No. 2018 -

RESOLUTION OF THE SOLANO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RECOGNIZING JUNE 2018 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. 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or perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; in December 2010, Don't Ask, Don't Tell was repealed, allowing gays, lesbians, and bisexuals to serve openly in the Armed Forces; on June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court ruled, in *United States v. Windsor*, that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, Solano Pride provides services for the LGBT citizens in Solano County offering social, recreational and educational activities, counseling, information, and a youth groups. Founded in 1998, Solano Pride is a 501c3 organization, and is funded by Solano County Mental Health and individual contributions; and

WHEREAS, 2018 is the 20th Anniversary of the LGBTQ Community coming together to show our pride in Solano County through service, and support that builds our community with two different organizations, Solano Pride and the Vallejo Gay Network.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Solano County Board of Supervisors does hereby recognize June 2018 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month and orders the rainbow flag to be flown at the County Government Center throughout the month of June.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2018

JOHN M. VASQUEZ, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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

By: _____
Jeanette Neiger, Chief Deputy Clerk