

Proclamation

Recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Phereas, in the month of June, we celebrate Pride Month and join together with our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) community members to celebrate their strength, courage, and perseverance. The City of Hermosa Beach is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equity for all people in the community; and

Phereas, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Hermosa Beach who contribute to the enrichment of our City identify with the LGBTQ+ community; and

**Mereas, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of the LGBTQ+ community, but there continues to be opposition all around the world making it important for cities like Hermosa Beach to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

Phereas, **LGBTQ+** Pride Month is celebrated each year during the month of June to commemorate the events of June 1969 when an uprising was staged in New York City at the Stonewall Inn against the harassment of LGBTQ+ persons; and

Phereas, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQ+ pride flag or gay pride flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning pride and LGBTQ+ social movements; and

Phereas, painting a lifeguard tower rainbow colors, lighting up Pier Plaza in rainbow colors, and flying the rainbow flag at City Hall and at the Fire Department throughout the month of June further symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community;

Now, therefore, I, Justin Massey, Mayor of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Hermosa Beach, and invite everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding.

Dated: May 25, 2021

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Justin Massey, Mayor

Eduardo Sarmiento, City Clerk