

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Laramie PrideFest was founded in 2017 to raise awareness about Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to Laramie's unique, diverse tapestry in a positive and productive manner; and

WHEREAS, the 5th Annual Laramie PrideFest is the most visible event in Laramie for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQ+) community, their friends, and their families to express Pride in who they are and whom they love;

WHEREAS, Laramie PrideFest is dedicated to ensuring that Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community has a safe and inclusive environment to celebrate and honor their sexual orientations and gender identities; and

WHEREAS, Laramie PrideFest joins annual Pride celebrations across the United States and the world in commemorating June 2021 as the 52nd anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, the birthplace of the modern fight for LGBTQ+ justice and equity; and,

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ citizens, led by trans women of color Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional during the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, in the five decades since, civil rights for the LGBTQ+ community have expanded substantially and Pride celebrations across the country and world have taken place every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, Laramie PrideFest will raise awareness about Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community and their contributions to Laramie's unique, diverse tapestry in a positive and productive manner; and,

WHEREAS, Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community will celebrate Pride during the month of June with events happening throughout the State including Cheyenne, Casper, Pinedale, Rock Springs, Lander, Laramie, Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community are living authentically today more than ever before and they deserve to know the City of Laramie and the State of Wyoming supports them; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie celebrates its diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to ensuring equity for all Laramie citizens by fostering acceptance and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie is the only municipality in the State of Wyoming to have adopted a Non-Discrimination Ordinance that prevents its residents from being discriminated based upon their sexual orientation and gender identity through employment, public accommodations, and housing practices; and,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community is a vital part of Laramie's economy and culture and contributes to a stronger City; and

WHEREAS, Laramie's economy and culture are more prosperous when the civil rights of all people are equal and we recognize the LGBTQ+ community as being vital to Laramie's success as an economically strong and culturally vibrant City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Paul Weaver, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2021 as

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER PRIDE MONTH

in Laramie, congratulate the 5th Annual Laramie PrideFest, and encourage residents in Laramie and across the Equality State to join Laramie PrideFest in celebration and recognition of the accomplishments, history, and legacy of Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of June 2021.

Paul Weaver
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk