

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, Laramie PrideFest joins annual Pride celebrations across the United States and the world in commemorating June 2019 as the 50th 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, the 3rd 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 gender identities and sexual orientations; 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, Lander, Laramie, and Jackson; 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 gender identity and sexual orientation; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Laramie was the first and remains one of the few municipalities in the State of Wyoming to have adopted a Non-Discrimination Ordinance that prevents its residents from being discriminated based upon their gender identity and sexual orientation through employment, public accommodations, and housing practices; 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, Joe Shumway, acting as Mayor and President of the governing body of the City of Laramie, Wyoming do hereby proclaim the month of June as

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER PRIDE MONTH

in Laramie, congratulate the 3rd Annual Laramie PrideFest and encourage residents in Laramie and across the Equality State to join Laramie PrideFest in celebrations and recognition of the accomplishments, history, and legacy of Wyoming's LGBTQ+ community.

Joe Shumway
Mayor and President of Laramie City Council

Attest:

Nancy Bartholomew
City Clerk