JUNE 2024 LGBTQI+ PRIDE MONTH

Recognizing the contributions of Catherin Greir, Kamika Dunlap, Kevin Dowling, Alameda Pride, and the Oakland Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors (BOS) values and celebrates the contributions of our LGBTQI+ communities all year long, we recognize the month of **June** to highlight **LGBTQI+ Pride** and encourage all Alameda County residents to do so; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County has a long and proud history of embracing diversity, inclusion, and equality for all residents, fostering a community where everyone is respected and valued; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is celebrated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month across the nation, commemorating the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, which served as a catalyst for the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement and led to significant advancements in the fight for equal rights; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month is an opportunity to recognize and honor the invaluable contributions of the LGBTQ+ community to the cultural, civic, and economic life of Alameda County, enriching our community in countless ways; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County is committed to promoting equality, justice, and human rights for all residents, and stands firmly against discrimination, prejudice, and violence based on sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the ongoing struggles faced by LGBTQ+ individuals, including disparities in health, employment, housing, and education, and we pledge to continue working toward creating an inclusive and supportive environment for everyone; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of LGBTQ+ Pride Month provides an opportunity for all residents to engage in dialogue, foster understanding, and build alliances across communities, further strengthening the fabric of our society; and

WHEREAS, Alameda County recognizes and appreciates the work of local LGBTQ+ organizations and advocates who tirelessly champion the rights and well-being of LGBTQ+ individuals and their families; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to celebrate and affirm the dignity, visibility, and rights of LGBTQ+ individuals, ensuring that our county remains a beacon of hope and acceptance for all;

THEREFORE, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex (LGBTQI+) Pride Month in Alameda County and celebrates the contributions that members of the LGBTQI+ communities have made to the County, the State, and the Nation; and does call upon all Alameda County residents, to join us in celebrating the vibrant and diverse LGBTQ+ community, and to work together in creating a more inclusive, equitable, and just society.

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