

# Proclamation

## PRIDE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Portland recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) “Pride Month” throughout the Town of Portland; and

**WHEREAS**, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQ people in society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Portland is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ people in our diverse community with freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

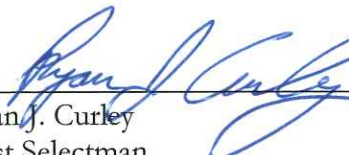
**WHEREAS**, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Town of Portland calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness, provides support and advocacy for Middlesex County’s LGBTQ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Ryan J. Curley, First Selectman of the Town of Portland Connecticut, hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ community, and urge all citizens to recognize all LGBTQ residents whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make Portland a vibrant community in which to live, work and visit.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I do hereby set my hand, and cause the seal of Portland to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June in the year two thousand and twenty-two.

By,

  
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Ryan J. Curley  
First Selectman  
Town of Portland, Connecticut



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