

Proclamation

PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Portland recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) “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 LGBTQIA+ people in society; and

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

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

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

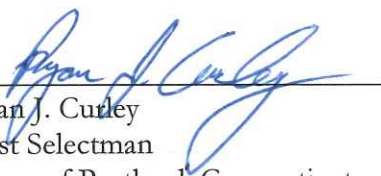
WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Town of Portland calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness, provides support and advocacy for Middlesex County’s LGBTQIA+ 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 2023 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQIA+ community, and urge all citizens to recognize all LGBTQIA+ 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 1st day of June in the year two thousand and twenty-three.

By,


Ryan J. Curley
First Selectman
Town of Portland, Connecticut



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