



**PROCLAMATION HONORING
LGBTQIA PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 1 - 30, 2020**

WHEREAS, June 2020 is Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is the positive stance against discrimination and violence toward individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual (LGBTQIA) and to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equal rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual identity diversity and gender variance; and

WHEREAS, the West St. Paul City Council includes diversity and inclusion as one of its strategic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the month of June was chosen for LGBTQIA Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred 50 years ago at the end of June 1969 and became a catalyst for the gay rights movement that spread worldwide; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA people have made, and continue to make, great and lasting contributions that continue to strengthen the fabric of American society; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQIA rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. Youth should feel safe to learn without the fear of harassment, and families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, during LGBTQIA Pride Month, the City of West St. Paul calls upon the community to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Honorable Mayor David Napier and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim June 2020 as LGBTQIA Pride Month and call upon the people of West St. Paul to turn back discrimination and prejudice everywhere it exists.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 26th day of May 2020.

David J. Napier, Mayor