



**HONORARY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING JUNE 2021
AS "LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH"**

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall riots, during which LGBTQ+ citizens protested against discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall riots and, now, June is celebrated around the country as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred based on their gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, members of the LGBTQ+ community in the United States and around the world still face an unacceptable level of discrimination and violence; and

WHEREAS, the Arroyo Grande community proudly includes LGBTQ+ individuals, couples, and families of all ethnicities, religions, and professions; and

WHEREAS, this June, we stand with our LGBTQ+ community in celebration of PRIDE Month.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Caren Ray Russom, Mayor of the City of Arroyo Grande, do hereby declare June 2021 as "**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**" in Arroyo Grande and urge all residents to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and grow our culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Arroyo Grande to be affixed this 25th day of May 2021.

CAREN RAY RUSSOM, MAYOR



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