## CITY OF TRENTON



## LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF TRENTON

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ Pride Month occurs in June and commemorates the Stonewall Riots of 1969 that brought national attention to the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement in the United States;

**WHEREAS**, this month of recognition celebrates the progress made since the events at Stonewall and also acknowledges the particular challenges and adversities that members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to confront;

**WHEREAS**, the observance of Pride Month serves to emphasize and teach the history, achievements, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community;

WHEREAS, members of the LGBTQ+ community, especially LGBTQ+ people of color, experience poverty, domestic violence, homelessness, harassment, addiction, religious intolerance, and interaction with the criminal justice system at greater rates than their non-LGBTQ+ counterparts;

**WHEREAS**, we must acknowledge that the LGBTQ+ community has faced and continues to face systematic discrimination including restricted rights, social stigma, and challenges accessing healthcare and other basic social services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton wishes to reaffirm its commitment to cultivating an inclusive community for all residents, employees, and visitors, including within municipal operations and institutions, and to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ+ people throughout our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, W. Reed Gusciora, Mayor of the City of Trenton, New Jersey, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim June 2021 to be LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Trenton. I urge all residents to join their neighbors in celebrating this month of recognition as we strive for liberty and justice for all Trentonians.

**LET IT BE FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that the City of Trenton shall observe LGBTQ+ Pride Month by raising a Pride Flag over City Hall to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and to support equal rights for all.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Trenton to be affixed.

W. Reed Gusciora Mayor of the City of Trenton

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