



# A PROCLAMATION

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA

## In Recognition of LGBTQ Pride Month June 2024

Whereas, for more than 50 years, June has been celebrated as LGBTQ Pride Month nationwide in honor of the LGBTQ citizens that rose up and fought discriminatory laws at Stonewall; and

Whereas, the historical riot at Stonewall in New York City on June 28, 1969, is considered a turning point for LGBTQ liberation in the United States; and

Whereas, the City of Smyrna cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

Whereas, all are welcome in the City of Smyrna to live, work and play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

Whereas, the City of Smyrna denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

Whereas, the City of Smyrna appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ community; and

Whereas, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; NOW

Therefore, I, Derek Norton, Mayor of the City of Smyrna, do hereby proclaim and recognize June 2023 as LGBTQ Pride month in the City of Smyrna, Georgia and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community and actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.



*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Smyrna to be affixed upon this 3rd day of June in the year of Our Lord 2024.*

*Derek Norton*  
Mayor

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