

PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF INYO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DECLARING JUNE 2022 AS PRIDE MONTH



WHEREAS, the Inyo County Board of Supervisors believes in the importance of inclusion, equity, diversity, and justice, and honors the work of the Inyo County Health and Human Services' JEDI (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) team and that of Eastern Sierra Pride to bring awareness and support for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and/or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit, Pansexual + (LGBTQIA2SP+) residents; and

WHEREAS, the HHS JEDI team, in collaboration with the community organization, Eastern Sierra Pride, recognizes the month of June 2022 as LGBTQIA2SP+ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pride Month establishes the County of Inyo as an inclusive place to live, work, and visit; and

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo joins Eastern Sierra Pride to observe Pride Month and supports the Pride Festival to honor the history of the LGBTQIA2SP+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQIA2SP+ people in society, the County of Inyo supports the flying of the rainbow flag in the community, and

WHEREAS, just as the County of Inyo holds within its borders some of this Nation's greatest geographic and economic diversity, the people of Inyo County also have the capacity to hold and honor the human landscape, which is equally diverse and magnificent; and

WHEREAS, the County of Inyo is committed to supporting the cultural and historical values of its communities, to protecting and enhancing its natural environment, and to preserving the rural quality of life; and

WHEREAS, centering the lives of LGBTQIA2SP+ people – who are our neighbors, our families, our friends – in this act of inclusion and recognition positively and directly impacts the County of Inyo's ability to maintain its rural quality of life; support and expand tourism; improve and align government decision-making; improve health care, social services, and education; and promote economic development; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQIA2SP+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our Nation; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA2SP+ 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 County of Inyo calls upon its people to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Inyo County's LGBTQIA2SP+ community and is an opportunity to act and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County of Inyo hereby proclaims the month of June 2022 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQIA2SP+ community, whose influential and lasting contributions to our neighborhoods make Inyo County a vibrant and inclusive community.

Dan Totheroh,

Chairperson, County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

Attest: LESLIE L. CHAPMAN
Clerk of the Board

By:_____

Assistant Clerk of the Board