



PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS:** LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Pride Month is celebrated nationally each year in the month of June; this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan on the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBTQ rights movement; and
- WHEREAS:** The City Council and staff have committed to make Dover an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS:** the United States Supreme Court ruled in June 2015 that same-sex couples can marry nationwide, establishing a new civil right in our country; and
- WHEREAS:** former president Barack Obama designated the first national monument to LGBTQ rights in June 2016, honoring the LGBTQ community's long-term presence and struggle for equality across our nation; and
- WHEREAS:** all members of the Dover community, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual have the right to feel safe, not be discriminated against and to live without the threat of harassment; and
- WHEREAS:** unfortunately, there is still much physical and psychological violence inflicted on LGBTQ people both at home and abroad; and
- WHEREAS:** Dover is committed to standing with and supporting the LGBTQ community, and to working to ensure that all of its residents, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, are treated with respect and dignity; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT CARRIER, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, AND THE ENTIRE DOVER CITY COUNCIL, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month. I encourage Dover residents to recognize and support their LGBTQ family members and neighbors, and to **FEEL FREE** to show their **PRIDE**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here
unto set my hand and caused the Seal of
the City of Dover to be affixed this **23th**
Day of June, 2021

Robert Carrier, Mayor,
City of Dover, New Hampshire