



# County of Sonoma

## State of California

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### **Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma Proclaiming June 2025 as Pride Month in Sonoma County.**

**Whereas,** we are living in a time of fear and hate, the LGBTQ+ community are protecting each other with kindness and love; and

**Whereas,** the AIDS crisis was devastating in Sonoma County, with a critical spike in 1987 as we had one of the highest rates in California, we are still feeling the ripple effect of those who passed away from AIDS, individuals affected, their caretakers, our pride and progress is here; and

**Whereas,** Sonoma County's LGBTQIA2S+ community protested for visibility and care during the AIDS crisis, after four decades of progress, we are still here due to the sacrifices of those we have lost and those who have tenderly cared for a future where homophobia does not exist; and

**Whereas,** we acknowledge mental health challenges and risks that LGBTQIA2S+ youth and adults may face including, high suicide rates for transgender individuals, attacks on personal safety, hate crimes, family rejection, cultural stigmas and homophobic slurs; and

**Whereas,** we call for unity to protect transgender community members, as we honor the 56th anniversary of Marsha P. Johnson leading the 1969 Stonewall Riots in New York City; and

**Whereas**, we are still fighting for a brighter future, as the 2024 Youth Truth surveys estimate that a quarter of high school students at Sonoma County schools face bullying due to homophobia; and

**Whereas**, Sonoma County has a vivacious LGBTQIA2S+ community spanning decades of achievements and personal contributions, our presence has persevered; and

**Whereas**, LGBTQIA2S+ folx are joyful, loving, resilient and uplifting members of Sonoma County's fabric, we are here and our joy persists; and

**Whereas**, in spite of hatred, we call for the protection of human rights, liberation and rest for our LGBTQIA2S+ sisters, brothers and siblings, as nobody should be afraid to love or be loved; and

**Whereas**, local organizations such as the Arlene Francis Center, West County Community Services, Rainbow Cattle Company, Positive Images, Amor Para Todos, LGBTQ Sonoma, Face2Face, LGBTQI History, Buckelew, the Living Room, Russian River Sisters of Perpetual, Armstrong Grove, Sage Casey Foundation, and the Sonoma County Libraries have been supporting and championing LGBTQIA2S+ rights in Sonoma County; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors with the Commission on Human Rights supports LGBTQIA2S+ Rights, and the behavioral health of those suffering from hardships and harassment.

**Supervisors:**

Hermosillo:

Rabbitt:

Coursey:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

**So Ordered.**