

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**PROCLAIMING JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF BOWIE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie 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 Bowie 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 Bowie 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**, Pride Month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of our LGBTQ community which strengthen our social welfare; 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; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Bowie, and urges residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community and actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on June 7, 2021.

Attest:

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

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Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk