

MOTION:

**June 7, 2022
Regular Meeting
Res. No. 22-**

SECOND:

RE: PROCLAIM – JUNE 2022 – LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, INTERSEX, ASEXUAL, AND MORE (LGBTQIA+) PRIDE MONTH

ACTION:

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes LGBTQIA+ individuals as a protected class, through ‘The Virginia Values Act’ of 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors (Board) created the Human Rights Commission out of the need to enforce The Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status or disability, in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and credit to now include sexual orientation and gender identity in Prince William County; and

WHEREAS, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, Intersex, Asexual and more residents of Prince William County are a vital part of our community and now have equal legal protections from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ individuals are at a higher risk of being victimized and discriminated against due to the inequitable service gaps that have been created as a result of homophobia, transphobia, societal stigmas, and legalized discrimination in the past; and

WHEREAS, Since the Stonewall Uprising during the summer of 1969, June has been widely recognized and celebrated as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, asexual, and more month; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Pride Month is when the LGBTQIA+ community celebrates its civil rights history, its dignity, and educates the public about the service gaps, restrictions to resources, and illegal discriminatory practices facing the LGBTQIA+ community, while encouraging others to see the LGBTQIA+ as valued members of our larger community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William Board of County Supervisors hereby affirms and proclaims the month of June 2022 as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month and encourages the community to celebrate the principles of equality, inclusion, freedom from discrimination, and justice for all who visit and reside in Prince William County.

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

ATTEST: _____

Clerk to the Board