

*Town of Chapel Hill*

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month is celebrated nationwide each year in the month of June as a time to reflect on the achievements of the LGBT rights movement and the work that remains to be done; and

**WHEREAS**, this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan, New York, the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBT rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in honor of LGBT-identifying communities, Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed June as North Carolina LGBT Pride Month, and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting that several major United States Supreme Court decisions impacting LGBT rights in a positive way have been announced in June including cases that struck down the federal Defense of Marriage Act; affirmed the right of same-sex couples to marry; and established that both mothers of a child had the legal right to be listed on their child's birth certificate; and

**WHEREAS**, despite this extraordinary progress, LGBT Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill stands with the LGBT community in the struggle to ensure equality, to defend and advocate for LGBT rights as human rights, and to protect and advance the constitutional rights and equitable treatment of all; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill has led the state in advancing equal protection and freedom under the law for LGBT people in many ways, such as by electing LGBT leaders to local government positions, adopting personnel policies which protect the rights of LGBT individuals and their partners, and issuing a resolution affirming the dignity of LGBT people and calling for the repeal of NC House Bill 2; and

**WHEREAS**, The Town Council reaffirms its opposition to discrimination, prejudice, homophobia, and transphobia; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Chapel Hill will continue to advocate for protections for all LGBT individuals to make our community a place where all people-regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression-are treated with dignity and respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, we, the Chapel Hill Town Council, proclaim June 2018 to be

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

In the Town of Chapel Hill and encourage all of our citizens and guests to help address discrimination in all its forms so that we are a welcoming community for everyone.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE TOWN OF CHAPEL HILL ON THIS THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF JUNE IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN.

*Pam Hemminger*