

Proclamation

Office of the Mayor

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise 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 Sunrise to live, work, and play; and every family, in any shape, size, and form, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise City Commission and City staff have committed to make the City of Sunrise an inclusive and welcoming community for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise 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 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 City of Sunrise 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, the City of Sunrise appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (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, the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides; however, work remains in order to achieve full equality, inclusion, and acceptance.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Michael J. Ryan, Mayor of the City of Sunrise, Florida, together with the City Commission do hereby proclaim June 2022 as: **LGBTQ+ Pride Month** in the City of Sunrise and urge each resident and business in our community to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.

Witness My Hand and Official Seal of
The City of Sunrise, Florida

Michael J. Ryan, Mayor

