

City of Eureka

# Proclamation



In recognition of  
*Queer Community and Culture Awareness Month*  
*June 2023*

*Whereas,* Recent, as well as historic events, in our own community have shown and emphasize how all people are affected by violations against those belonging to any marginalized group of people, it is extremely important for these underserved peoples, and especially their allies, to support each other and even band together to repel the negative forces that we may encounter. Unfortunately, there is still fearmongering and disparaging societal views presenting themselves from various sources and as such there are still many people that are being marginalized, isolated, or underrepresented despite one of our community's greatest strengths being our rich and vivid diversity of people and cultures. Such events also bring to light the urgent need for furthering the reduction of the forms of rhetoric, prejudice, racism, and discrimination that haunt our community. This -can- be done in a manner that fosters awareness and creates a safe, welcoming, and inclusive community for all people of all walks of life as well as reinforcing the First Amendment protections for such people and cultures. During times like these, the Queer community can serve as an example of this resistance as regardless of any orientation, gender, ethnicity, or any other notable differences, people in the Queer community have had similar shared experiences and this is a strength that has helped develop Queer culture, businesses, organizations, and people that not only serve but also elevate the quality and wholeness of the community at large; *and*

*Whereas,* the City of Eureka celebrates the value, culture, and contributions of Queer people to the community as a whole, as well as recognizing that the challenges and struggles of the Queer community are akin to that of those that people in other marginalized groups have faced when their beliefs and cultures have been threatened; *and*

*Whereas,* the Redwood Pride Summer Community Festival, Parade, and evening celebration will be held in the City of Eureka on Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup>; *and*

*Whereas,* Redwood Pride invites all people from Humboldt County, as well as the surrounding regions, to celebrate our unique and diverse community with the Redwood Pride Community Festival, Parade, and evening celebration; *and*

*Now, therefore, I Mayor Kim Bergel, on behalf of the Eureka City Council,* hereby proclaim June 2023 as "Queer Community and Culture Awareness Month in the City of Eureka.

*Kim Bergel*  
Mayor  
June 6, 2023