



*Recognizing June 2025 as*  
***PRIDE MONTH***

***WHEREAS***, the City of Arcata recognizes the month of June as **Pride Month**, honoring the rich histories, contributions, and ongoing struggles of Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and all gender-expansive individuals (2S/LGBTQIA+); and

***WHEREAS***, Pride Month commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising—an act of resistance against police brutality led by Black and Brown trans women, femmes, and queer youth, including trailblazers such as Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera—whose courage ignited a global movement for liberation and dignity; and

***WHEREAS***, the legacy of Pride is rooted in protest, mutual aid, and collective resilience in the face of criminalization, state violence, and societal exclusion, especially for those most marginalized within our communities; and

***WHEREAS***, today, 2S/LGBTQIA+ people—especially transgender and gender non-conforming individuals, youth, and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) community members—face escalating threats to their safety, bodily autonomy, and rights under a growing wave of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation and rhetoric across the country; and

***WHEREAS***, in the face of this rising hostility, the City of Arcata reaffirms its unwavering commitment to the safety, rights, visibility, and joy of 2S/LGBTQIA+ communities. We recognize that **there is no equity without trans liberation**, and we stand firmly with our trans comrades and all queer community members as they demand dignity, protection, and full inclusion in public life; and

***WHEREAS***, the City honors the invaluable contributions of 2S/LGBTQIA+ people in the arts, education, public service, business, and social justice movements, and commits to amplifying these voices through policy, funding, celebration, and community-driven change.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED***, that the City Council of the City of Arcata hereby recognizes June as Pride Month, and urges all residents to uplift and celebrate the resilience, brilliance, and leadership of 2S/LGBTQIA+ people. We call on our community to not only celebrate Pride, but to defend it—through action, solidarity, and a shared commitment to justice for all.

*Dated: June 4, 2025*

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*Alex Stillman, Mayor*