

**Village of Arlington Heights Proclamation  
In Recognition of  
LGBTQ+ Pride Month  
June 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, all are welcome in the Village of Arlington Heights to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Arlington Heights 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 on the one-year anniversary of the June 1969 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 Village of Arlington Heights 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 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**, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor of the Village of Arlington Heights, along with the Arlington Heights Village Board of Trustees, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Village of Arlington Heights, and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.



Thomas W. Hayes, Mayor

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