



City of Charles Town

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Resolution Supporting LGBTQ+ Pride Month

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town, West Virginia is an inclusive community whose residents believe in safety, prosperity, equality, and hope for all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town recognizes the human rights of all citizens and actively supports an end to all forms of prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, June 28, 2023, marks the anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City and June is the nationwide month to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) community; and

WHEREAS, throughout much of the history of the United States, same-sex relationships were criminalized in many States, and many LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States were forced to hide their identities while living in secrecy and fear; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States face disparities in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and many other areas central to the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Charles Town is committed to promoting equality and fostering welcoming and affirming spaces as we recognize the resilience and determination of the many individuals who are fighting to live freely and authentically; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society and we affirm our obligation to uphold the dignity of all people; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Charles Town on this 2nd day of June, 2023, that the Council recognizes and supports the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) "Pride Month;" and we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month.

Adopted this 2nd day of June 2023.

Attest:

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Robert M. Trainor
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alissa Meeks", is written over a horizontal line.

Alissa Meeks
City Clerk