

PROCLAMATION

Proclamation Declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month Throughout McHenry County (12)

WHEREAS, individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (referred to in this proclamation as LGBTQ+) include individuals from McHenry County and throughout the United States, and those who have served as officials at all levels of the government and in all branches of the United States military, where they serve honorably and with distinction and bravery; and

WHEREAS, throughout much of history, the systematic inequality that LGBTQ+ individuals faced in securing healthcare, employment, and housing systems in McHenry County, has led to a disparate impact on LGBTQ+ individuals, and especially LGBTQ+ youth as they are at an increased risk for suicide, homelessness, becoming victims of bullying, violence, and human trafficking, and developing mental health illnesses, including anxiety and depression; and

WHEREAS, in the past, LGBTQ+ individuals were forced to hide their identities and live in secrecy and fear due to the criminalization of their relationships, but despite being marginalized, the LGBTQ+ community has achieved significant milestones, ensuring future generations of LGBTQ+ individuals in McHenry County to a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals in McHenry County remain determined to pursue full equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and will continue to celebrate their identities at culturally significant Pride Events.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED the McHenry County Board supports the rights, freedoms, and equal treatment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer individuals in McHenry County while acknowledging that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights to be protected by the laws of the United States and policies and practices in McHenry County; and

BE IF FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the McHenry County Board proclaims June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in order to provide a lasting opportunity for all individuals in McHenry County to explore the impact of discrimination and inequality that members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to endure. The County Clerk is hereby authorized to distribute a certified copy of the Proclamation to the County Administrator, the County Board Chair, and the Director of Human Resources.

DATED at Woodstock, Illinois, this 18th day of June, A.D., 2024.

Michael Buehler, Chairman
McHenry County Board

ATTEST:

Joseph J. Tirio, County Clerk



McHenry County Board

County Board Room
Woodstock, IL 60098

Meeting: June 18, 2024
Department: County Administration
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Board / Committee Action Requested:

To approve a proclamation declaring June 2024 as LGBTQ+ throughout McHenry County.