



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans; some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ+) people, an historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ+ citizens rose up and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

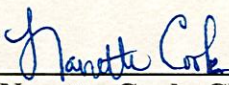
WHEREAS, while in many places around the globe, LGBTQ+ people still face persecution, arrest or even state-sponsored execution, all citizens should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence and hatred based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in cities across the nation in commemoration of the Stonewall Riots, from which the City of Lafayette is not exempt, as evidenced by the comradery exhibited between LGBTQ+ citizens and allies who gathered in the spirit of community, inclusion, and acceptance in Downtown Lafayette on Saturday, June 11, 2022, along with other Pride events throughout Lafayette and the Acadiana region this month.

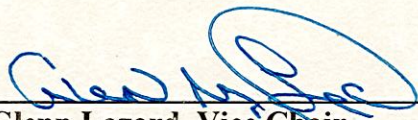
NOW, THEREFORE, WE – NANETTE COOK, GLENN LAZARD, PAT LEWIS & LIZ HEBERT – for a second serial year, *proudly* hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as:

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH


IN WITNESS THEREOF, we have set our hands and signatures to be affixed on this 17th day of June, 2022.




Nanette Cook, Chair
Lafayette City Council, District 4



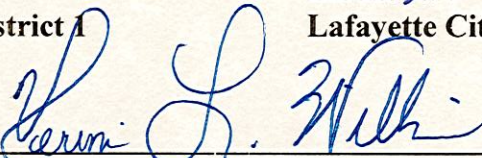
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