

**PROCLAMATION**  
**June 2023 LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Ann Arbor**

*WHEREAS, each June LGBTQ+ people and their friends and family recognize the journey toward liberation and those who have fought for equality, including the queer and transgender people of color who took to the streets in New York City at the Stonewall Inn and in cities around the country; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor holds a historic place in the history of the LGBTQ+ movement for equality. Ann Arbor was among first cities in the nation to pass an ordinance to protect residents from discrimination based on sexual orientation, later adding gender identity protections, and to have openly gay or lesbian elected officials; and*

*WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor continues to lead within the State of Michigan in working to advance equality and safety for LGBTQ+ people, including through robust nondiscrimination protections and a ban on the discredited practice of conversion “therapy”; and*

*WHEREAS, this year around the country, state legislatures have introduced and passed a record number of bills attacking LGBTQ+ people, especially transgender youth and their families and their ability to access the most basic needs of health care; and*

*WHEREAS, we recognize the diversity and many contributions of our LGBTQ+ residents and their families to the vibrancy, inclusivity, and vitality of the City of Ann Arbor.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher Taylor, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as Pride Month and affirm our City’s commitment to working against discrimination and violence against LGBTQ+ people and ensuring that all LGBTQ+ people in the City of Ann Arbor have dignity, equality, and justice.*

*I hereby set my hand and seal  
this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023*

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*Christopher Taylor  
Mayor of the City of Ann Arbor*