## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, June 2022 marks the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual celebration throughout the United States of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, (LGBTQIA+) PRIDE Month; and,

**WHEREAS**, the month of June was chosen to commemorate the dedication and bravery of those who led the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Tavern in Greenwich Village, which sparked the modern LGTBQIA+ liberation movement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Raleigh believes in working together with all members of our community to facilitate open relationships, providing safety, dignity and a welcoming environment for our residents and visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, the meaningful contributions made by our LGBTQIA+ community enhance our city's diverse history and culture, including the Out! Raleigh Pride festival which raises necessary funds to support the LGBT Center of Raleigh and brings together thousands of people onto Raleigh's streets to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community; and,

**WHEREAS**, the city of Raleigh joins the LGBTQ+ Community in a celebration of diversity and unity and, remains committed to treating all people with fairness and respect.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, do I, Mary-Ann Baldwin, Mayor of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 in the City of Raleigh as

## PRIDE MONTH

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, to be affixed this 21st Day of June 2022.

Mary-Ann Baldwin Mayor