

PROCLAMATION

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands has a diverse community, including its LGBTQ+ residents, and welcomes people of many backgrounds in the belief that a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community through inclusion, justice, and love; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, city employees, and business owners within the City of Redlands who are a part of the LGBTQ+ community contribute to the vitality and enrichment of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising was one of the most prominent gatherings for persons of diverse backgrounds and interests to come together in a unified voice to call for change and progress in LGBTQ+ civil rights; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising is considered by many to be the catalyst that launched the modern LGBTQ+ civil rights movement and since the Stonewall Uprising, LGBTQ+ citizens have made significant progress towards equality throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love as it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands voted to fly the Pride Flag at City Hall during the month of June in 2021 and 2022 as a representation of support for the LGBTQ+ community; and

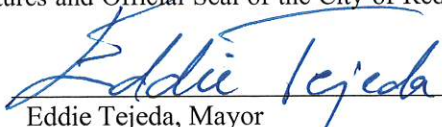
WHEREAS, the City's first crosswalk mural on Vine Street which has an LGBTQ+ theme won the 2022 American Planning Association Inland Empire Chapter Grassroots Initiative Excellence Award: and

WHEREAS, the City of Redlands denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to its fundamental principles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Redlands does hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as Pride Month in recognition of the Anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising and the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we hereunto affix our signatures and Official Seal of the City of Redlands on this 6th day of June 2023.




Eddie Tejada, Mayor


Denise Davis, Councilmember


Jenna Guzman-Lowery, Councilmember

Attest:

Jeanne Donaldson, City Clerk