

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the Borough of Paramus supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

Whereas, all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized throughout much of the history of the United States, LGBTQ people in the United States continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions in various expressions of Pride; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people have made and continue to make vital contributions in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health business research, architecture sports, government, technology, civil rights, and politics; and

Whereas, the Borough of Paramus accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

Whereas, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of the Borough of Paramus; and

Whereas, while we as a society at large are slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

Now, therefore, be it resolved, I, Mayor Richard LaBarbiera and the members of the Paramus Council hereby proclaim June 2018 as Gay Pride Month and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the LGBTQ community face and celebrate the contributions that enhance our city



Richard LaBarbiera, Mayor