



PROCLAMATION
LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH
JUNE 2024

WHEREAS, 2024 marks the 55th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots—six days of intense protests in June 1969 following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village that specifically targeted lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning (LGBTQ+) patrons—which galvanized the worldwide LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, despite much progress, many within the LGBTQ+ community still face discrimination and inequity for being themselves and being open about who they love; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community, along with advocates, allies, and organizations such as Pacific Pride Foundation, continue to fight for inclusivity, equality, and acceptance of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has long been an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, including its first-ever openly gay member, Tom Roberts, and its landmark domestic partnership law for gay and lesbian couples, the first of its kind in the Central Coast in the years before marriage equality in California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Barbara has for many years included sexual orientation and gender identity in its non-discrimination policies, has appointed many LGBTQ+ residents to commissions and committees throughout the years, and has hosted the annual Pride Festival and other cultural events;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RANDY ROWSE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Santa Barbara, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as **PRIDE MONTH** in Santa Barbara. I encourage residents to join in celebration and appreciation of the LGBTQ+ community by taking part in local Pride events and becoming advocates and allies who reject prejudice.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Santa Barbara, California to be affixed this 13th day of June, 2024.




MAYOR RANDY ROWSE