



PROCLAMATION  
**LGBTQ, + PRIDE MONTH**  
JUNE 2025

***WHEREAS,** 2025 marks the 56th 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—an event that galvanized the worldwide LGBTQ+ rights movement; and*

***WHEREAS,** despite significant progress, many within the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination, marginalization, and inequity simply for being themselves and for loving openly and authentically; and*

***WHEREAS,** the LGBTQ+ community—alongside dedicated advocates, allies, and organizations such as Pacific Pride Foundation, which celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2025—remains steadfast in the pursuit of inclusivity, equality, and dignity for all people, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and*

***WHEREAS,** the City of Santa Barbara has a proud history of allyship with the LGBTQ+ community, including the election of its first openly gay Councilmember, Tom Roberts, and the passage of a landmark domestic partnership law—the first of its kind on the Central Coast—prior to the achievement of marriage equality in California; and*

***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 2025 as **PRIDE MONTH** in Santa Barbara. I encourage all residents to take part in local Pride events and to stand as advocates and allies, united in rejecting prejudice and honoring the rich diversity of our community.*

***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 10th day of June, 2025.*



MAYOR RANDY ROWSE