



## **LGBTQIA+ Pride Month June 2023**

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville supports the LGBTQIA+ community and honors their many contributions to the health of the city; and remains committed to treating all people with fairness and respect; and

**Whereas:** In 1993, Minnesota became the first state in the nation to outlaw both sexual orientation and gender discrimination in the field of employment, housing and public accommodations; and

**Whereas:** In 2013, the state of Minnesota legalized same-sex marriage; and

**Whereas:** In 2021, the City of Roseville became the 9<sup>th</sup> municipality in Minnesota to ban the practice of conversion therapy on LGBTQIA+ youth and vulnerable adults, a practice now banned by the State of Minnesota as of 2023; and

**Whereas:** Roseville continues the tradition for communities across America to recognize their LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Ally) residents during the month of June; and recognizes the + to symbolize the inclusion of all identities; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQIA+ people, as the rainbow flag symbolizes, come from every group, religion, ethnicity, age, occupation, ability/disability, size and shape; and

**Whereas:** Members of the Roseville LGBTQIA+ community have always served as valuable members of our country in every capacity as homeowners, taxpayers, members of the military, business owners, parents and employees; and

**Whereas:** It is important to recognize that we are all part of the same community; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQIA+ residents have enriched the diverse community of Roseville through their participation in city government, the arts, religious and civil institutions, education and community organizations; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville believes that all people deserve to be protected from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and health disparities; and convey a clear message that intolerance is not welcome in our community, and

**Whereas:** LGBTQIA+ community allies, including the Roseville Area High School student groups, provide support and encouragement to Roseville youth with the assistance of School District staff and administration; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville reaffirms our commitment to promoting full inclusion and equality for every resident of our great city.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declares June 2023 to be LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this 22<sup>rd</sup> day of May, 2023.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe