

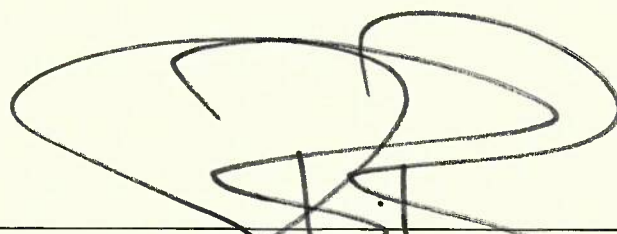
Proclamation

- WHEREAS,** the month of June has been designated as Gay Pride Month by every U.S. President since 1999; and
- WHEREAS,** the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community of Arlington is a vital component to our diverse and inclusive population; and
- WHEREAS,** the LGBT community continues to work tirelessly for respect, equality and their very right to be recognized as the productive members of our community they are; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2022, the City of Arlington received a 100/100 on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index, which demonstrates the ways cities support the LGBTQ+ people who live and work there; and
- WHEREAS,** while real progress has been made toward acceptance and equality, more work is needed to combat discrimination and prejudice; and
- WHEREAS,** Arlington is committed to protecting the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities to strengthen our city and to create a solid, unified society where hatred and inequality of any group is unacceptable; and
- WHEREAS,** the second annual LGBTQ+ Pride event in Arlington, co-hosted by the Mayor's LGBTQ Advisory Council and the HELP Center for LGBT Health & Wellness, will be celebrated on June 10, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jim R. Ross, Mayor of the City of Arlington, Texas, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as

PRIDE MONTH IN ARLINGTON

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City to be affixed this 1st day of June in the year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty-three.


MAYOR

