

## Proclamation of the MIDPENINSULA REGIONAL OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF JUNE AS

Pride Month

**WHEREAS**, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District recognizes and proclaims the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Plus (LGBTQ+) "Pride Month"; and

WHEREAS, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District observes Pride Month to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag is widely recognized as a symbol of pride, inclusion, and support for social movements that advocate for LGBTQ+ people in society; and

**WHEREAS**, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

**WHEREAS**, the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District calls upon the public, staff, and volunteers to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.

**WHEREAS**, that the Board of Directors of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District herby proclaims the month of June as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ+ community.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IS BE RESOLVED,** that the rainbow flag will be raised on June 1, 2023 and annually every June, recognizing all LGBTQ residents whose influential and lasting contributions strengthen the vibrancy and diversity of our society where we all work, live, and play.

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