

**TOWNSHIP OF VERONA
COUNTY OF ESSEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION No. 2020-123

A motion was made by Councilwoman McGrath; seconded by Councilman Ryan that the following resolution be adopted:

RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona is an inclusive community whose residents believe in safety, prosperity, equality and hope for all; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona recognizes the human rights of all citizens and actively supports an end to all forms of prejudice and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Verona is committed to promoting LGBTQ equality and fostering welcoming and affirming LGBTQ spaces; and

WHEREAS, more recent advances in LGBTQ equality, including marriage, bans against LGBTQ conversion, the advancement of some federal protections with respect to access to federal services and open military service, LGBTQ inclusive and protective anti-discrimination public access state laws, positive LGBTQ public opinion, widespread LGBTQ visibility and representation in media, education, public office, LGBTQ anti-bullying laws and welcoming and affirming school climate policies – including actions to create LGBTQ inclusive curriculum- and corporate America’s LGBTQ inclusion and promotion, are all directly linked back to the victories of earlier LGBTQ rights advocates; and

WHEREAS, the community recognizes the efforts of the many advocates and allies who have enabled this progress and opened society’s eyes to the idea that love is love and no one should be forced to hide part of their identity; and

WHEREAS, without comprehensive federal civil rights protections, and because of legislative and executive attempts at rolling back LGBTQ advances or cultural and political climate shifts that empower LGBTQ hate crimes, LGBTQ individuals and families continue to face significant uncertainty, oppression and discrimination.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Council of the Township of Verona, in the County of Essex, New Jersey does hereby acknowledge June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Township of Verona. We urge all people of the Township of Verona to join LGBTQ advocacy and actions, promote diversity and inclusion, create welcoming and affirming spaces for LGBTQ youth, trans and non-binary folks be visible, outspoken allies and up standers as any injustice against one is an injustice against all. Furthermore, the Township of Verona recognizes LGBTQ Month by flying the rainbow flag in the Verona Civic Center during the month of June.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: McGrath, Giblin, Ryan, Roman, McEvoy

NAYS:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF VERONA AT THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 22, 2020.


JENNIFER KIERNAN
MUNICIPAL CLERK

