PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual was born free and equal in dignity and rights, and the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Windsor calls upon the people of this municipality to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; 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, LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country, our state, our town; and

WHEREAS, June is celebrated as Pride Month on the nation, state, county and local level throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Township of West Windsor is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for West Windsor's LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights; and

WHEREAS, West Windsor Township joins the State of New Jersey and County of Mercer in honoring the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement in supporting the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Township Council of the Township of West Windsor herby recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2024 as Pride Month in support of the LGBTQ community.

June as Pride Month in perpetuity

In witness whereof, we hereunto set our signatures and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the Fownship of West Windsor this 28th day of May, 2024.

Hemant Marathe, Mayor

Andrea Mandel, Council Vice President

Daniel Weiss, Council Member

Linda Geevers, Council President

Sonia Gawas, Council Member

Martin Whitfield, Council Member