

PROCLAMATION

Pride Month

WHEREAS, the liberation movement for the LGBTQ community began with a riot on the night of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City; and

WHEREAS, before Stonewall, it was illegal to exist as an LGBTQ person in most of the world. While there had been other movements in the past, Stonewall inspired LGBTQ people worldwide to organize and fight for their rights - what started as a local bar riot turned into a global movement that continues today; and

WHEREAS, not only has the movement led to civil rights that were once thought impossible, but LGBTQ people have also made significant cultural and economic contributions to communities around the world, including in Lodi, California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lodi is proud of being an inclusive and welcoming home to all residents; and

WHEREAS, since 2021, A New Lodi has recognized and celebrated Pride through its annual Festival. The 2026 Festival was celebrated on June 6th, drawing approximately 1200 attendees along with over 40 vendors and performers to downtown Lodi.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Ramon Yopez, Mayor of the City of Lodi, do hereby proclaim June as **Pride Month** in honor of the LGBTQ community in the City of Lodi.

SIGNED this 17th day of June, 2026.