



Proclamation



ORGULLO LATINX

WHEREAS, the first-ever Triangle area Latinx Pride event was held last year in Durham, and this year, Carrboro is proudly hosting this event; and

WHEREAS, according to El Centro Hispano, Triangle Latinx Pride is a space to celebrate and share the diverse culture, identities, and experiences of the local Latinx LGBTQ+ community, with the aim of creating an event that fosters unity, inclusiveness, and empowerment by showcasing the community's talents while providing social, healthcare and advocacy resources, as well as family fun; and

WHEREAS, Latinx-Americans have played a crucial role in the LGBTQ+ rights movement; for example, in 1961 José Julio Sarria became the first openly gay candidate for public office, he also founded the Imperial Court System, one of the largest and oldest LGBT organizations in the world, and made an appearance as a drag queen in the 1995 film *To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything! Julie Newmar*; Sylvia Ray Rivera was an activist for gay and transgender rights who was present at the Stonewall riots in 1969 and also co-founded the Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, a group that provided housing and support to LGBTQ+ youth in New York City during the 1970s; and Raffi Freedman-Gurspan, born to a family of the Lencan indigenous people in Honduras, later adopted by a family in Massachusetts, was the first openly transgender person to work as a White House staffer; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there is still much physical and psychological violence inflicted on LGBTQ+ people; crimes of hate based on ethnicity and national origin are on the rise, and the scourge of xenophobia is being intensified by politicians and hate groups; therefore, in today's unfortunate political and social climate, Latinx people who identify as LGBTQ+ face a multitude of challenges and threats; and

WHEREAS, the Carrboro Board of Aldermen has a proud history of leading the state of North Carolina in advocating for rights and equality for the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is committed to standing with and supporting the Latinx community, and to ensuring that our Town is a place where all residents, regardless of their sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, or national origin are treated with respect and dignity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, hereby proclaim June 15, 2019 as **Orgullo Latinx** day in the Town of Carrboro, and ask all residents to celebrate our rainbow of diversity.

This the 15th day of June, 2019.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor