



Proclamation



CARRBORO LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Pride Month is celebrated nationally each year in the month of June; this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan on the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBTQ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that several major United States Supreme Court decisions impacting LGBTQ rights in a positive way have been announced in June, including *Lawrence v Texas*, *U.S. v Windsor*, *Obergefell v Hodges*, *Pavan v. Smith*, and *Bostock v. Clayton County*; we are awaiting another decision this month that will impact LGBT rights in *Fulton v. City of Philadelphia*; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro has a proud history of advancing the rights of its LGBTQ residents, including being the first municipality in the state to create a domestic partner registry on October 11, 1994, the first to extend eligibility for employment benefits to same-sex partners of Town employees; and the first to elect a gay mayor and a lesbian mayor; additionally, in January of this year, Carrboro was among the first local governments in the state (along with Hillsborough, Orange County, and Chapel Hill) to pass a local nondiscrimination law extending protections in public accommodation and employment for persons based on their sexual orientation, and gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, unfortunately, there is still much physical and psychological violence inflicted on LGBTQ people both at home and abroad; there is increasing violence toward transgender women of color; there continues to be bullying and harassment of LGBTQ youth, who make up a disproportionate number of homeless youth in the United States; and the North Carolina General Assembly continues to entertain bills targeting the transgender community; and

WHEREAS, Carrboro is committed to standing with and supporting the LGBTQ community, and to working to ensure that all of its residents, regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, are treated with respect and dignity; and

WHEREAS, to recognize this special month, the Town of Carrboro will have a Pride Food Rodeo and Dance Party on Thursday, June 25, 2021 at Carrboro Town Commons from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.; this event will meet Orange County Health Department COVID19 safety protocols, and ***EVERYONE IS WELCOME.***

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor of the Town of Carrboro, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Town of Carrboro. I encourage Carrboro residents to recognize and support their LGBTQ family members and neighbors, and to FEEL FREE to show their PRIDE at the Food Truck Rodeo and Dance Party on Thursday, June 24.

This the 1st day of June, 2021.



Lydia E. Lavelle, Mayor