



Proclamation

Town of Mansfield, Connecticut

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is a welcoming, accepting, and affirming place to grow; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield recognizes the importance of human rights, equity, and justice; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Mansfield is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Mansfield is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender, and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our town; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and have increased rates of death by suicide when experiencing rejection from their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQ pride flag or gay pride flag, has inspired hope since the 1970s as a symbol of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer pride and progress; and

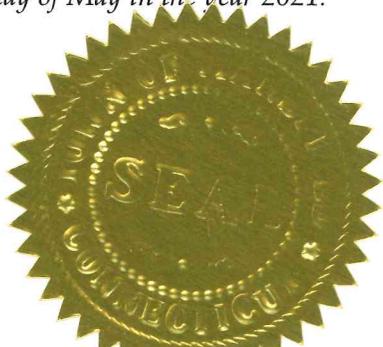
WHEREAS, the Progress Pride flag highlights and celebrates the racial and gender diversity of the LGBTQ community while pulling us ever forward in the march for liberation for all those who are oppressed; and

WHEREAS, flying the Progress Pride flag at Town Hall throughout the month of June further symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ community; and

WHEREAS, "love is love cannot be killed or swept aside."

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Antonia Moran, Mayor of the Town of Mansfield, Connecticut and on behalf of the Mansfield Town Council, hereby proclaim and recognize June 2020 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Plus (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month in the Town of Mansfield and urge citizens to actively promote the principles of equality, love, and acceptance throughout the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Mansfield to be affixed on this 24th day of May in the year 2021.



Antonia Moran, Mayor
Town of Mansfield
May 24, 2021