



# CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

## Proclamation

### DECLARING JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol is committed to ensuring Sebastopol is a welcoming, inclusive, and safe community for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

Whereas, we continue to raise awareness of the existence of discrimination; and have improved laws and attitudes of society by encouraging inclusiveness; and

Whereas, the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides forward, but equality, inclusion, and acceptance have not yet been fully achieved. We must practice these values and teach them to future generations; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its residents and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

Whereas, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol 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 City; and

Whereas, while we as a society are slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice.

Now, Therefore be it Proclaimed, that I, Una Glass, Mayor do hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Sebastopol. I encourage our residents to reflect on the

ongoing struggle for equality members of the LGBTQ+ face and celebrate the contributions made by the LGBTQ+ community to enhance our community.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2021.

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Mayor Una Glass