



CITY OF SANTA CRUZ  
CALIFORNIA

# Mayor's Proclamation

WHEREAS ON JUNE 28, 1969 AT THE STONEWALL INN IN NEW YORK CITY, A COURAGEOUS GROUP OF CITIZENS RESISTED DISCRIMINATORY HARASSMENT AND MISTREATMENT, SETTING IN MOTION A CHAIN OF EVENTS THAT WOULD BECOME KNOWN AS THE STONEWALL UPRISING AND THE BIRTH OF THE MODERN GAY AND LESBIAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT; and

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CONTINUES TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY THAT WELCOMES AND EMBRACES ALL PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR RACE, GENDER, RELIGION, CULTURE, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND ENCOURAGES THEM TO FIGHT FOR THEIR RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS; and

WHEREAS THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG, FIRST USED IN 1978, AND THE TRANSGENDER FLAG, FIRST USED IN 2000, SYMBOLIZE SOLIDARITY WITH LGBTQ MOVEMENTS AROUND THE WORLD AND WERE BOTH FLOWN FOR THE FIRST TIME OUTSIDE OF SANTA CRUZ CITY HALL IN JUNE OF 2019; and

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ HONORS AND CELEBRATES ALL OF THE HARD WORK THAT THE LGBTQ SENIORS HAVE DONE TO CREATE A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES PEOPLE WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ; and

WHEREAS LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS AND THEIR ALLIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ HAVE WORKED TO SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY OF SANTA CRUZ FOR DECADES; and

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CONTINUES TO PARTICIPATE IN, AND SUPPORT, EVENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY THAT IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+, SUCH AS THE DIVERSITY CENTER AND THE PRIDE MARCH; and

WHEREAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ CONTINUES TO TRAIN AND EDUCATE ITS STAFF TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT AND CULTURE BY PROVIDING DIVERSITY TRAINING TO ALL STAFF; and

WHEREAS THIS YEAR, IN HONOR OF PRIDE MONTH, SANTA CRUZ POLICE OFFICERS HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO WEAR RAINBOW PATCHES TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY AND MEMBERS OF THEIR DEPARTMENT AND ARE RAISING FUNDS TO SUPPORT LOCAL LGBTQIA+ ORGANIZATIONS AND CHARITIES; and

WHEREAS THIS YEAR MARKS THE FIRST ANNUAL GRADUATION CEREMONY FOR LGBTQIA+ HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON JUNE 3, 2020:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JUSTIN CUMMINGS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 3, 2020 AS "LGBTQIA+ HIGH SCHOOL, JUNIOR HIGH, AND MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADUATION DAY" AND THE MONTH OF JUNE 2020 AS "LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ AND ENCOURAGE ALL RESIDENTS TO EMBRACE, RESPECT, AND SUPPORT THE RIGHTS AND CULTURE OF ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO IDENTIFY AS LGBTQIA+; CONGRATULATE THE LGBTQIA+ STUDENTS WHO WILL BE GRADUATING THIS YEAR ON ALL OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS; AND JOIN MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQIA+ COMMUNITY IN THEIR FIGHT FOR EQUAL RIGHTS IN OUR CITY, STATE, NATION, AND BEYOND.



  
JUSTIN CUMMINGS, MAYOR