

**City of Evansville**  
**MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**  
**PRIDE MONTH**

Proclamation 2022-01

**WHEREAS;** catalyzed in the early hours of June 28, 1969, the Stonewall Riots in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of Manhattan, New York, marked a pivotal turning point in the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) rights in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Evansville is a friendly and welcoming community that celebrates and promotes diversity and inclusion; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Evansville recognizes the importance of equality and freedom; and

**WHEREAS;** members of the LGBTQ+ community in our state, across our nation and around the world have collectively worked to overcome gender, race, sexuality, and class adversity for generations, combating social stigma and demanding visibility; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Evansville is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its residents and preventing discrimination and harassment based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Evansville 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,** the City of Evansville recognizes the importance of building protective factors for LGBTQ+ youth in our community,

**WHEREAS;** there is still much more work to be done to ensure our LGBTQ+ family members, friends and neighbors are treated equitably and with dignity under the law in our state and across our country; and

**WHEREAS;** this month, as we raise the rainbow flag in front of City Hall, we are reminded that everyone in Evansville deserves to stand boldly in their truth, without fear of persecution, judgement, or discrimination;

**NOW, THEREFORE** We, the City of Evansville, do hereby proclaim and recognize the month of June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month, and we urge all residents to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022.

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William C. Hurtley, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Darnisha Haley, City Clerk

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