

A PROCLAMATION

Recognizing June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Sugar Hill

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Hill is a welcoming community and an exceptional place for people of diverse backgrounds to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family. The city is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth. It is our collective responsibility to work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists and provide equal rights for all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical challenges. All people have the right to be treated with dignity based on their intrinsic value as human beings; and,

WHEREAS, some of the pivotal moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in which lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) people rose and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional, June has been designated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, all members of the Sugar Hill community, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual have the right to feel safe, not be discriminated against and to live without the threat of harassment; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sugar Hill is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community, and while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQ+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ+ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and increased suicide rates, 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of Sugar Hill hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Sugar Hill and urges all residents to respect and honor our diverse community, celebrate, and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance, and actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

ADOPTED this 14th day of June, 2021 in Sugar Hill, Georgia.

Steve Edwards, Mayor

Taylor Anderson, Mayor Pro Tem

Marc Cohen, Council Member

Nicholas Greene, Council Member

Brandon Hembree, Council Member

Susie Walker, Council Member