



City of Harrisonburg, Virginia

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Mayor

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PRIDE DAY

WHEREAS, in June of 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City staged an uprising to resist the police harassment and persecution to which Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Americans were commonly subjected; and

WHEREAS, more LGBT Virginian's are living their lives openly today than ever before; and

WHEREAS, in spite of tragic events across the United States and nation, the Harrisonburg community will continue to work to protect its citizens and ensure stronger relationships to those who call the Shenandoah Valley home; and

WHEREAS, Harrisonburg celebrates its diverse LGBT community, and is committed to ensuring equality for all residents of Harrisonburg; and

WHEREAS, Harrisonburg is dedicated to fostering acceptance and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the people of Harrisonburg's LGBT community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger city; and

WHEREAS, the city of Harrisonburg and its economy are more prosperous when the civil rights of all people are equal; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, June 26, 2015 the United States Supreme Court ruled same-sex couples across the nation to have an equal right to marry; and

WHEREAS, LGBT Pride Month commemorates the events of June 1969 and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for LGBT Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Reed, do hereby recognize July 22, 2017 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Day in the city of Harrisonburg. I call upon the citizens of the city of Harrisonburg to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists and celebrate the diversity of this great city.

GIVEN under my hand this ____ day of July 2017.

BY: _____
Deanna R. Reed, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Pamela S. Ulmer, Deputy City Clerk

The Friendly City