



**Agenda Item A.2  
PRESENTATION  
Meeting Date: June 6, 2023**

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**A Proclamation of the City Council of the City of Goleta, California,  
Recognizing June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month**





# PROCLAMATION

## A PROCLAMATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, CALIFORNIA, RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, individuals in the "LGBTQ+" Community - including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer - encompass people from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, disability statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ individuals from Goleta and beyond have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to our community in every aspect, including in the fields of: education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, government, and military service; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States face disparities in employment, healthcare, education, housing, and many other areas central to the pursuit of happiness, and meanwhile most States have no explicit ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, housing, public accommodations, or education; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout much of the history of the United States, same-sex relationships were criminalized in many States, and many LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States were forced to hide their identities while living in secrecy and fear; and

**WHEREAS**, the demonstrators who protested on June 28, 1969, following a law enforcement raid of the Stonewall Inn, an LGBTQ+ club in New York City, are pioneers of the LGBTQ+ movement for equality; and

**WHEREAS**, there are renewed efforts to: ban books displaying positive depictions of LGBTQ+ individuals; eliminate and control their healthcare choices; undermine and erode rights grounded in privacy, including the right of same-sex couples to marry and engage in consensual same-sex relationships; and attacks on drag performances and other Constitutionally-protected actions; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States, in particular transgender individuals and youth, face disproportionately high risks of violent hate crimes, suicide, homelessness, bullying, and mental health problems; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ individuals in the United States have fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect and remain determined to pursue full equality, respect, and inclusion for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being marginalized throughout the history of the United States, LGBTQ+ individuals continue to celebrate their identities, love, and contributions in various expressions of Pride.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Goleta, California does hereby proclaim June 2023 as "LGBTQ+ Pride Month" in the City of Goleta and encourages the residents to join in celebration and appreciation of the LGBTQ+ community.

**APPROVED** this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023



**PAULA PEROTTE**  
**MAYOR**