

## PROCLAMATION

June 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month

WHEREAS, Our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring 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;

WHEREAS, In the movement toward equal rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) people, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that arose out of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional. In the four decades since, civil rights for LGBTQ people have grown substantially, and LGBTQ pride celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate the beginning of the Stonewall Riots; and

WHEREAS, California has been a leader in advancing the civil rights of its LGBTQ citizens. And while further progress is needed, it is important to recognize and celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED that the City of Garden Grove does hereby proclaim June 2023 as LGBTQ Pride Month.

May 23, 2023