



## TOWN OF BARRINGTON, RI

# Resolution of the Barrington Town Council

Recognizing the Month of June as Barrington Pride Month,  
Honoring Members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer,  
Intersex, Asexual, and Other (LGBTQIA+) Community

**WHEREAS**, in June of 1969, the Stonewall Uprising sparked the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States, and worldwide, and has since served as the anchor for recognizing internationally the month of June as Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Rhode Island, which was founded on the principles of tolerance and freedom, has outlawed discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation since 1995, and on the basis of gender identity or expression since 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 1, 2013, the State of Rhode Island became the fifteenth state in the country to pass marriage equality; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 both chambers of the Rhode Island General Assembly unanimously passed a bill banning conversion therapy on minors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rhode Island Parentage Act is once again in the Rhode Island General Assembly, awaiting a vote to provide a long overdue update to antiquated laws that discriminate against, among others, children of parents in the LGBTQIA+ community, who are denied the safety of two legal parents, and would provide a clear pathway to the protection of legal parentage for all children in RI, regardless of the way their families were formed; and

**WHEREAS**, in March 2020, the Town of Barrington adopted an anti-harassment and discrimination policy that obligates all elected and appointed officials to refrain from any harassment or discrimination, direct or indirect, of any protected group, individually or collectively, including on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression; and

**WHEREAS**, in July 2020, the Rhode Island Department of Motor Vehicles will begin including a third gender option on motor vehicle licenses to recognize people who do not identify as male or female; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council seeks to affirm that the Town and all residents of Barrington should recognize, value, and maintain an inclusive environment with members of the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and families of all compositions, whether they call Barrington home, are visiting, or are in a neighboring community, and cultivate Barrington's reputation as a welcoming and safe place for members of the LGBTQIA+ community and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, expressions of community solidarity and celebration promote further efforts toward the full legal, social and cultural equality for members of the LGBTQIA+ community, within Barrington, statewide, and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution was drafted with Barrington residents who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community, spanning multiple generations, to give voice to this integral and valued group within our community.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Barrington Town Council, officially designate and joyously celebrate the month of June, annually, as Barrington Pride Month, and will recognize such designation with the flying of a Pride Flag on the Town Hall flagpole for the month of June; and

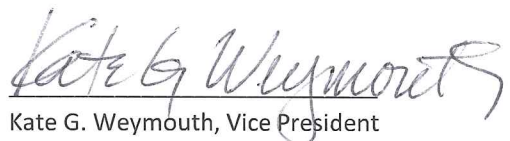
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council directs the Town Manager to accommodate a Flag Raising Ceremony held annually during the month of June, organized by or in collaboration with volunteers from the community; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that upon passage, copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Town of Barrington's State Senator and Representatives in the General Assembly, all cities and towns in the State of Rhode Island, and the Governor of the State of Rhode Island.

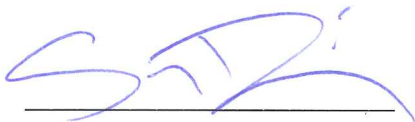
Adopted by the Town Council of the Town of Barrington, RI, on May 4, 2020.



Michael W. Carroll, President  
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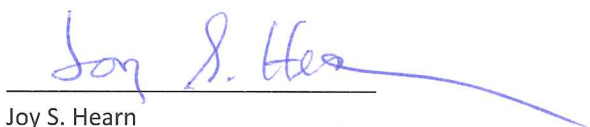
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