

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

CITY OF

DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, *individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) collectively celebrate Pride Month nationwide each year in June; and*

WHEREAS, *the month of June was chosen to commemorate the dedication and bravery of those who led the 1969 uprising at the Stonewall Tavern in Greenwich Village, which sparked the modern LGBTQIA+ liberation movement; and*

WHEREAS, *all people, regardless of age, disability, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, or sexual orientation, have the right to be treated based on their intrinsic value as human beings; and*

WHEREAS, *the LGBTQIA+ community has made great strides forward, but equality, inclusion, and acceptance still need to be fully achieved. We must practice these values and teach them to future generations; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines believes in working together with all members of our community to facilitate open relationships and provide safety, dignity, and a welcoming environment for our residents and visitors; and*

WHEREAS, *the City recognizes that it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Des Plaines joins the LGBTQIA+ community in a celebration of diversity and unity and remains committed to treating all people with fairness and respect; and*

Now, therefore, I, ANDREW GOCZKOWSKI, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, do hereby proclaim the month of June as

PRIDE MONTH

Dated this 5th day of June, 2023



Andrew Goczkowski, Mayor