



# City of Takoma Park, Maryland

## Mayoral Proclamation

### LGBTQ+ Pride Month 2021

**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 LGBTQ+ Americans were commonly subjected. This uprising marks the beginning of a movement to outlaw discriminatory laws and practices against LGBTQ+ in the United States; and

**WHEREAS,** the first Pride march in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising; and

**WHEREAS,** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan; and

**WHEREAS,** Pride Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of LGBTQ+ individuals locally, nationally, and internationally, and the freedom to be themselves; and

**WHEREAS,** events include Pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia, concerts, and more and attract millions of participants around the world, and memorials are held for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park is a welcoming city that is dedicated to fostering acceptance and welcome of all residents and preventing discrimination and bullying; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Takoma Park is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of racial, ethnic, cultural, general, and sexual identities of its residents.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATE STEWART, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND,** on behalf of the Council, residents, and staff, proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

**Date this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2020.**

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**Kate Stewart**  
**Mayor**