



The City of Morgantown

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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, *the City of Morgantown strives to be a welcoming and inclusive city and is dedicated to social justice and to the protection of the freedom and equality of all persons regardless of race, religion, national origin, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, color, ancestry, age, abilities, blindness, economic, family or veteran status, or life situation; and*

WHEREAS, *Morgantown is strengthened and vitalized by the diversity provided by the LGBTQ+ community - civically, economically, culturally, academically and in advocacy for human rights; and*

WHEREAS, *we as a nation have often been ambivalent in embracing justice and equality for all, we as a community are proud of our continued progress in protecting human rights and in our growing ability to celebrate diversity in sexual orientation and gender identity; and*

WHEREAS, *community organizations including Morgantown Pride, PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), West Virginia University, Mountaineers for Progress, the Community Coalition for Social Justice, the City Human Rights Commission and members of multiple religious congregations have advocated for civil equality and justice for all as well as promoted human rights education; and*

WHEREAS, *it is essential that all youth in this community feel safe, supported, and acceptable to their peers, mentors, and community leaders regardless of their sexual orientation and gender identity; and*

WHEREAS, *the City of Morgantown within the past year has adopted an anti-bullying ordinance to prohibit bullying, harassment, and intimidation in all youth-serving City services, activities, programs, and facilities, and has also adopted a diversity, equity and inclusion plan to strengthen the diversity in its own workforce; and*

WHEREAS, *nationally the month of June has been designated as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in honor of the Stonewall uprising in 1969, when LGBTQ+ persons, challenged discriminatory criminal laws to affirm their own personhood, their own legitimacy as human individuals, and their own rights to protection under the United States Constitution:*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William A. Kawecki, Mayor of the City of Morgantown, West Virginia, and on behalf of the Morgantown City Council, do proclaim the month of June 2020 as

LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

Adopted this second day of June 2020

William A. Kawecki, Mayor City of Morgantown

