

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, Auburn recognizes the importance of equality and freedom that our nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal and each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Auburn's Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) community are a vital part of our community; and

WHEREAS, among the many heroic and historic stories of New York State's history featured within the exhibition at the Equal Rights Heritage Center is the that of June 1969 where the uprising at the Stonewall Inn in New York City is attributed to be the catalyst for the modern Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, on the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall uprising, the official theme for 2022 is "*Unapologetically Us*". As the world begins to emerge from a pandemic that gave society a full reset and forced everyone to reconsider and re-prioritize their lives, we are acknowledging that struggle and the resilience of the LGBTQIA+ community; and

WHEREAS, there remains much work to do to extend the promise of our country to every American, but on the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Inn uprising Auburn continues to advance the Pride movement and we are a stronger community as a result.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL D. QUILL, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUBURN joined by the members of the Auburn City Council on behalf of the citizens of Auburn do hereby proclaim the month of June 2022 as

## Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month

in the City of Auburn, and, we call upon the people of Auburn to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our people.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Auburn to be affixed this Second day of June 2022.

Michael D. Quill, Mayor City of Auburn, New York