

MOTION: PRATTER

**May 13, 2023
Regular Meeting
HRC RES 23-06**

SECOND: BALDWIN

RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF JUNE OF 2023 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER OR QUESTIONING (LGBTQ+) AND MORE PRIDE MONTH

ACTION: APPROVED

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes LGBTQ+ individuals as a protected class, through 'The Virginia Values Act' of 2020.

Whereas, The Prince William County Human Rights Commission was created out of the need to enforce The Human Rights Ordinance to prohibit discriminatory practices based on race, color, sex, national origin, religion, marital status or disability, in employment, housing, public accommodations, education and credit to now include sexual orientation and gender identity in Prince William County.

Whereas, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and more residents of Prince William County are a vital part of our community and now have equal legal protections from discrimination.

Whereas, LGBTQ+ individuals are at a higher risk of being victimized and discriminated against due to the inequitable service gaps that have been created due to negative public perception and past legalized discrimination.

Whereas, June is widely recognized and celebrated as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and more month which is when the LGBTQ+ community celebrates its civil rights history, educate the public about the service gaps and restrictions to resources and illegal discriminatory practices facing the LGBTQ+ community, while encouraging others to see the LGBTQ+ as valued members of our larger community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission affirms and recognize the month of June 2023 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and encourages the community to celebrate the principles of equality, tolerance, freedom from discrimination and justice for all who visit and reside in Prince William County.

Votes

Ayes: Ginoba, Porter, BruMar, Muz, Pratter, Baldwin

Nays: Johnston

Abstained: None

Absent from the meeting: Young, Laos

Ashia Vemring

ATTEST: _____

Acting Executive Director