

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 6667-2025

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ADOPTING A RESOLUTION Authorizing the flying of the Lesbian, Gay Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Flag over City Hall During June 2025; and Authorizing use of Pride Colors in the City logo and communications during June 2025.

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol recognizes and honors the rich diversity of its residents and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for all members of the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol wishes to express its support for Pride Month and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, and other LGBTQ+ residents of Sebastopol; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is observed annually in June to celebrate the joy, resilience, and vibrancy of the LGBTQ+ community, to honor their vital contributions, and to recognize the historical and ongoing struggles they have faced and continue to face; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is rooted in both liberation and resistance, originating from the historic events of June 28, 1969, when Black and Brown transgender and gender nonconforming activists demonstrated courage and resilience in the face of police harassment and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol celebrates June 2025 as "Pride Month" and encourages all community members to take meaningful action to support and affirm the equitable rights, dignity, treatment, health, and safety of LGBTQ+ individuals; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals to our society, reflect on the ongoing struggle for civil rights, and reaffirm the right of all people to live free from discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, by recognizing Pride Month, the City of Sebastopol reaffirms its commitment to promoting acceptance, advancing human rights, and celebrating the diversity that strengthens and enriches the community; and

WHEREAS, the display of the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag serves as a public symbol of the City's commitment to diversity, visibility, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the City's flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public, but rather to convey official expressions of the City's values and commitments; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag will be flown on the Sebastopol City Hall flagpole for the full month of June 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby recognizes June 2025 as Pride Month in the City of Sebastopol and authorizes the display of the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag on the Sebastopol City Hall flagpole for the duration of the month, ending no later than July 1, 2025, in celebration and honor of LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

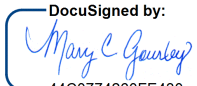
The above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed, approved, and adopted at a meeting by the City Council on the 3rd day of June, 2025.

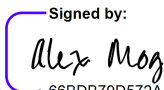
I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City of Sebastopol City Council by the following vote:

VOTE:

Ayes: Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, Maurer, Vice Mayor McLewis and Mayor Zollman  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

APPROVED:   
Stephen Zollman, Mayor

ATTEST:   
Mary Gourley, Acting City Manager/Assistant City Manager/City Clerk, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:   
Alex Mog, City Attorney