



CITY OF SEBASTOPOL

Proclamation

Proclaiming June 2026 as Pride Month in the City of Sebastopol

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol proudly affirms its support for the LGBTQ+ community and recognizes the vital contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other diverse identities to the cultural and civic life of our community; and

Whereas, Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969, when LGBTQ+ individuals at the Stonewall Inn stood up against police harassment and systemic discrimination, sparking a nationwide movement for civil rights, dignity, and equal protection under the law; and

Whereas, this pivotal moment inspired the first Pride marches in 1970 and established an annual tradition of celebrating queer visibility, community resilience, and meaningful process each June; and

Whereas, Pride serves as both a joyful celebration and a necessary reminder that the pursuit of full equality continues, as LGBTQ+ individuals still face discrimination and bias, and the work to secure lasting justice, acceptance, and equal protection for all remains ongoing; and

Whereas, the City of Sebastopol affirms that every person, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, deserves to live openly and safely, and commits to fostering a welcoming environment where diversity is protected, celebrated, and actively supported.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, Jill McLewis, Mayor, on behalf of the entire City Council, do hereby proclaim June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and call upon all residents, businesses, schools, and community organizations to celebrate Pride, learn the history of the LGBTQ+ rights movement, and actively support a Sebastopol where everyone is welcomed, respected, and free to live openly and with dignity.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the Great Seal of the City of Sebastopol this 2nd day of June 2026.

Jill McLewis
Mayor, City of Sebastopol