

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-83**

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

**WHEREAS**, June 28, 2023, marks the 54th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City, which sparked the gay rights movement, and is the nationwide month to recognize the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) community; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate; and

**WHEREAS** we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular our youth, who compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; to suffer from depression; to struggle with substance use; and to have attempted suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, we must remain vigilant in deterring oppression and discrimination against people on the basis of sex, gender identity or expression, or sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and


**WHEREAS**, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Morris Plains on this 1st day of June, 2023, that the Borough Council recognizes and supports the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning, and Plus (LGBTQ+) "Pride Month;" and we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor and Council will demonstrate this support by partnering with the Morris Plains School District to invite students and their families to place Pride garden flags at the signs in the front of Borough Hall and at the entrances to Borough parks; and the Borough will publish this resolution on the Borough website and mention it in the Borough Weekly E-mail newsletter throughout June.

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

I, Rosanne Denman, Clerk of the Borough of Morris Plains, County of Morris, New Jersey, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of said Mayor and Council of the Borough of Morris Plains held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June 2023.

  
Rosanne Denman, Clerk

  
DATED: June 2, 2023