



# PROCLAMATION

## PRIDE



2024

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ Pride Month is celebrated nationwide in the month of June; and

**WHEREAS**, this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place the morning of June 28, 1969, at the Stonewall Inn in New York, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBTQ rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to take time during this month to reflect on the LGBTQ rights movement and the important progress that has been made; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb believes in the dignity of the individual, supporting legal equality and treatment for all people, and ensuring that acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ individuals continue to face discrimination simply for being who they are, continue to be a target of violence and harassment and yet continue to thrive through the efforts of the community itself and through the support of LGBTQ affirming spaces, agencies, businesses, and individual allies; and

**WHEREAS**, discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity is often compounded with discrimination on the basis of race, immigration status, religion, disability, and age, among others; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of DeKalb strives to lead in affirming the lives and values of LGBTQ individuals through its actions, laws, employees, and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ community invites all members of the DeKalb community to join them during the month of June in celebrating the resiliency of the community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Cohen Barnes, Mayor of the City of DeKalb, do hereby proclaim June 2024 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of DeKalb, and encourage all people in our community to join in celebrating diversity, and promoting inclusion and equity, and further encourage people to join me at the DeKalb Pride Fest on Thursday, June 20, 2024, in downtown DeKalb from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of DeKalb to be affixed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June 2024.



COHEN BARNES, Mayor