

PROCLAMATION

Declaring June 2022 as Diversity Celebration Month

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond celebrates and supports the great diversity of its residents, an essential cornerstone of a dynamic and prosperous society that sustains local economies, creates unique and prosperous communities, promotes social inclusion, and encourages cultural exchange by bringing people together from different backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth commemorates the abolition of slavery in Texas on June 19, 1865, signifying the emancipation of the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy more than two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was issued; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond celebrates Juneteenth with the Neighborhood Block Association and the community with family ties from the South, honoring their contributions in our community and passing on their legacy and traditions to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall riots by members of the LGBT community against a police raid at the Stonewall Inn in the Manhattan borough of New York City on June 28, 1969, widely considered to be the most important event leading to the gay liberation movement in the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond celebrates LGBT Pride Month with Richmond Rainbow Pride and the LGBTIQQ community, honoring their contributions in our community and passing on their legacy and traditions to future generations; and

WHEREAS, Immigrant Heritage Month commemorates the monumental contributions that immigrants have made, giving people across the country an opportunity to explore their own heritage and celebrate the shared diversity that forms our unique story; and

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond celebrates Immigrant Heritage Month with The Latina Center and the immigrant community, honoring their contributions in our community and passing on their legacy and traditions to future generations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richmond City Council does hereby declare June 2022 as **Diversity Celebration Month** in the City of Richmond and honors the occasion by flying the Juneteenth and Rainbow Flags at Richmond City Hall during the month of June.

Mayor Tom Butt
City of Richmond, California
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