

## Town of Stow Select Board

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## **PROCLAMATION**

## PRIDE MONTH June 2022

WHEREAS, The Town of Stow strives to be a welcoming community and a good place to live; and

WHEREAS, Stow recognizes and values diversity of its residents and people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Stow recognizes and values the contribution that each and every resident makes to work, improve recreation, and civic life in our Town; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ members of our Town are full and participating members of our community; and

WHEREAS, We all appreciate the rich tapestry of ethnic, cultural, racial, sex and gender identities of the residents of our Town; and

**WHEREAS,** LGBTQIA+ youth are at especially high risk of experiencing discrimination, mistreatment and even violence, and have increased suicide rates, and the Town is committed to ensure that they are safe, valued and supported;

**WHEREAS**, the Select Board also recognizes and acknowledges the work of the employee Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion group to advance diversity among town departments and throughout Town.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that June, 2022 be declared Pride Month in the Town of Stow and that all residents be encouraged to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of the LGBTQIA+ members of our community as we continue to advance the principles of liberty, equity and inclusivity for all.

Je wanu Clark

Signed this day 14th day of June 2022

Members of the Select Board of Stow, MA