

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE CLARKSTON MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
RECOGNIZING JUNE 2021 AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, all are welcome in the City of Clarkston to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the City denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus (LGBTQ+) community which strengthen our social welfare; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and the

WHEREAS, Clarkston is known as a Welcoming City and remains committed to building a neighborly community, where all individuals, regardless of race, color, creed, place of origin, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, disability, political affiliation, marital/parental status or military service are welcome, accepted and integrated and

WHEREAS, the City of Clarkston passed a Non-Discrimination Ordinance to protect LGBTQ+ people in 2019, making it the third city in Georgia with this type of law.

WHEREAS, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the members of this City Council declare the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Clarkston and urge residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice.