



**WHEREAS**, the riots at the Stonewall Inn (Manhattan, New York) in June of 1969 are recognized as the beginning of the modern-day Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Queer+(LGBTQ+) civil rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQ+ Pride flag, or Gay Pride flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements; and

**WHEREAS**, Rockville has a diverse LGBTQ+ community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville proudly recognizes the efforts that made Bayard Rustin Elementary School the first school in Montgomery County named after a gay American civil rights activist; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville remains committed to the goal of ensuring equal treatment for LGBTQ+ employees, residents, and those who work and visit Rockville, by continuing to review and update policies, facilities, and programs, and by providing staff training to meet that goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Rockville joins Montgomery County in observing Pride Month with a Pride flag-raising ceremony to honor the history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement, and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville proclaim **June 2026** as **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer+ Pride Month**.



  
Monica Ashton, Mayor

  
Kate Fulton, Councilmember

  
Izola (Zola) Shaw, Councilmember

  
Barry Jackson, Councilmember

  
Marissa Valeri, Councilmember

  
David Myles, Councilmember

  
Adam Van Grack, Councilmember

**June 1, 2026**