

WHEREAS, the riots at the Stonewall Inn (Manhattan, New York) in June of 1969 are recognized the beginning of the modern-day Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and 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 the 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 flagraising 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 2025, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ Pride Month.

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