

**TOWN OF UNIVERSITY PARK
PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2023 PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, this nation was founded upon the principles that every person is created equal, that each has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, President Bill Clinton, on June 2, 2000, declared June "Gay & Lesbian Pride Month" to commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2009, President Barack Obama further expanded the commemoration by declaring June to be Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is a time to recognize and celebrate the impact of LGBT individuals locally, nationally, and internationally; and

WHEREAS, our community is strengthened by the rich diversity of our residents, and LGBT residents and visitors should feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that our LGBT youth be accorded the freedom to be themselves without fear, and live free from reprisal, discrimination or bullying; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Common Council of the Town of University Park hereby proclaim June as Pride Month in University Park and encourage our community to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, to celebrate our great diversity, and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice for all.

SO PROCLAIMED THIS 31st DAY OF MAY 2023.



Joel T. Biermann, Mayor