



## **PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS:** LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer) Pride Month is celebrated nationally each year in the month of June; this month was chosen to commemorate the riots that took place at the Stonewall Inn in Manhattan on the morning of June 28, 1969, often viewed as the birth of the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement; and
- WHEREAS:** Pride Month is a time to recall the trials the LGBTQ+ community has endured and to rejoice in the triumphs of trailblazing individuals who have bravely fought – and continue to fight – for full equality; and
- WHEREAS:** The City Council and staff have committed to make Dover an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQ+ community; and
- WHEREAS:** Pride Month is so important because it marks a huge change within the LGBTQ+ community, as well as reflecting wider societal implications. Although attitudes and injustice still remain, we have come a long way since the riots of 1969, and by continuing in this long-standing tradition we continue to raise awareness, improve the attitudes of society and encourage inclusiveness.
- WHEREAS:** Because of the acts of courage of the millions who came out and spoke out to demand justice, and of those who quietly toiled and pushed for progress, our country has made great strides in recognizing what these brave individuals long knew to be true in their hearts – that no person should be judged by anything but the content of their character.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Dennis Shanahan, Deputy Mayor of the City of Dover in the State of New Hampshire, and the entire City Council do hereby proclaim June 2025 as:

## **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have here unto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Dover to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> Day of May, 2025.

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Dennis Shanahan, Deputy Mayor  
City of Dover, New Hampshire