

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL

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**Proclaiming June 2018 “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Pride Month”**

On June 27, 1969, a fed-up group of gay and lesbian bar patrons took to the streets of New York City to confront and protest years of constant harassment by the New York Police Department. That day, known as “The Stonewall Rebellion,” is recognized as the birth of the modern gay liberation and civil rights movement to combat prejudice and discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and transgender individuals. Truthfully, gay patrons at an LA coffee shop had risen up months before in protest, pelting police officers with doughnuts and joining a growing grassroots movement for freedom and dignity.

In commemoration of “The Stonewall Rebellion,” and every other early rebellion in the community, Los Angeles County has celebrated lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ) pride during the month of June, giving rise to the Christopher Street West pride festival in the City of West Hollywood. Through the years, many other LGBTQ pride celebrations have been established throughout the County, such as the Long Beach Lesbian & Gay Pride, LA/Valley Pride, San Gabriel Valley

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Pride, TransUnity Pride, One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival, and the Venice Pride Sign Lighting & Block Party. This year is no exception as Los Angeles County recognizes and honors members of the LGBTQ community for their civic involvement and leadership in amplifying an important civil rights message.

Los Angeles County is home to the second largest number of LGBTQ youth and adult citizens in the country, second only to New York City. We proudly welcome and encourage inclusion and tolerance and congratulate this community for its remarkable achievements. In solidarity with our LGBTQ Countywide population, LGBTQ County employees join to raise their voices and remind us that discrimination has not been eradicated. As we recognize and honor the rich history of the LGBTQ community, we must also recognize there is more work to be done. We must continue this effort until there is full self-affirmation, dignity and equal rights.

The Board of Supervisors has recognized the importance of providing tailored services to this community, as evidenced by our recent motion, “Supporting and Serving Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer or Questioning Youth” authored by Supervisors Kuehl and Solis. The motion directed a number of County departments to submit plans for supporting and serving LGBTQ youth.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 2018 as “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Pride Month” throughout Los Angeles County, and encourage all County agencies to publicly acknowledge this recognition as a signal of inclusivity to the LGBTQ clients they serve, as well as the many LGBTQ employees that dedicate their lives to the County of Los Angeles.