

## PROCLAIMING LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, ASEXUAL, ALLIES & ADVOCATES PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2017

WHEREAS, the fight for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, asexual, allies & advocates (LGBTQA) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, they have spurred sweeping progress by changing hearts and minds and by demanding equal treatment – under our laws, from our courts, and in our public discourse. This month, we recognize all they have done to bring us to this point, and we recommit to standing with LGBTQA people on their path to safety in our communities, justice and equality; and

WHEREAS, despite the extraordinary progress of the past few years, particularly the Supreme Court decision guaranteeing marriage equality, LGBTQA Americans still face discrimination simply for being who they are. 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; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County Employees Sexuality and Gender Acceptance (SAGA) Affinity group serves Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Asexual, Allies and Advocates by providing a safe forum to allow its members to express their problems, concerns and joys related to the LGBTQA community; and

WHEREAS, the Marin County SAGA's involvement and accomplishments have included, honoring the victims of Orlando, creating a display in reverence to Dia de los Muertos, and participating in the Oakland Pride parade; and

WHEREAS, June 2017 is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Asexual, Allies & Advocates Pride Month, a time for our community to wave flags of pride high and march boldly forward in parades and demonstrations. Let us celebrate how far we have come and reaffirm our steadfast belief in the equal dignity of all Americans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin hereby proclaims the month of June 2017 as "Lesbian, Gay. Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Asexual, Allies & Advocates Pride Month." We call upon the people of Marin County to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of the American people.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held this 6th day of June 2017.

COUNTY OF MARIN