



## CITY OF HALLOWELL

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### City Council

#### Resolution 05-20-R

#### Proclamation of LGBTQ+ Pride Month

BE IT PROCLAIMED by the City of Hallowell, Maine, that:

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hallowell supports the rights of every person to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the month of June was designated Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall riots which occurred in June of 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBT Rights Movement during which the LGBT community rose up and fought against the discriminatory criminal laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, all people regardless of age, gender identity, race, color, religion, marital status, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, or physical or mental challenges have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

**WHEREAS**, Hallowell celebrates the history and diversity of our City's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and gender expansive community and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community in which all residents can live free from discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride month is an opportunity to celebrate this harmony in which we coexist; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Hallowell encourages our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the LGBTQ community face and celebrate the contributions that enhance our city;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Mark Walker, Mayor of the City of Hallowell, and on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2020 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

Read and adopted by the City Council of the City of Hallowell on this eighth day of June in the year Two Thousand Twenty.

on behalf of the Hallowell City Council

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Mark L Walker, Mayor