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Re: BOS meeting 6/8/21 Agenda Item 66 (File#21-0964)

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Sarah Saunders <cmyst123@gmail.com>

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

DATE 6/7/2021 Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 6:25 PM

BOS 6/8/2021

Hello, Supervisors,

I am writing in ALL of my official capacities, as my wonderful labor union, my employer, and the organizations that I co-chair, as well as the political party that I represent for EDC District 04 to the State - ***all of them*** - support and celebrate the existence and rights of the LGBTQ community and celebrate June as Gay Pride Month. In addition, my faith tradition instructs each of us to make the decision as to who we are and how we live, while emphasizing that our behavior be ethical and cause no harm. My faith instructs me that I must know myself, and be honest with myself and with others, and that loving-kindness towards all is something to strive for. At my age, I can say with assurance that no one chooses to be gay or transgendered. People are what they are, and they are happier and healthier if they can be their honest selves. We celebrate their trueness to their selves, because the burden of hiding one's identity is huge and painful, and laying down that burden is a wonderful thing.

Please be mindful of the hurt that you might cause, and the long-term consequences, if you set the example that you care more for sheep and goats, and value their caretakers role more, than you do for human beings who serve in every single role and capacity in our community. They are your family members. They are your service workers, your physicians, your nurses, and your government and civic leaders. I am speaking truth to you, because I know gay people in this county in every one of those roles and I know that you do, too. Do what you know in your heart is the right thing to do and vote affirmatively to recognize them and pass the proclamation recognizing June as LGBTQ pride month.

I was at the Placerville LGBTQ Day rally and event a couple of years ago, and it was massive and positive. I personally spoke with one citizen of Placerville, who worked with some of my friends and who had avoided "politics" for years, who was crying tears of joy that they felt comfortable and safe in being themselves at the rally. My grandchild was with me. It was a very family-friendly event. This was at a crucial time in her adolescent life, where she could see the difference that caring about society and acceptance of one's fellow human beings as they are can be such a positive thing. She saw first hand that while there were some people yelling hurtful words, those people were very much in the minority. People stood their ground peacefully. She saw that at least on that day, hatred was driven away by love and celebration.

Respectfully,

Sarah Saunders

El Dorado Progressives Co-Chair
Central Sierra Foothills DSA Co-Chair

6/7/2021

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Pride Month

Robin Gunning <robin.wicked@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 9:06 PM

June 4th, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of signing the resolution to signify that June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month in El Dorado County.

The celebration of Pride is more than rainbows and parades, it is a time to uplift LGBTQ+ voices, to celebrate our culture, to promote equal rights, to remember our history and learn from it. Pride is a time to speak out and be visible - not only to the people in the queer community who are afraid to "come out" and be themselves - but to everyone. It is about integrity and honesty; about standing up for those who cannot stand up for themselves; it is about living an authentic life. Pride is fighting against the oppressive forces that constantly try to keep us silent.

The beginning of the Gay Liberation Movement started with the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June of 1969 and were led by an African American Trans woman by the name of Marsha Johnson. Every June for the last 52 years there have been Pride parades celebrated all over the world. The key word is "celebrated." Too often members of the queer community are not celebrated, but instead called names, discriminated against in their communities, refused service, refused jobs, refused housing, physically assaulted, and murdered...just for existing. When I walk through towns like Placerville, I am not celebrated, but instead often treated like a second class citizen - I am not granted the same rights as you.

Just today I was telling my friend, Moses, about the 72nd Annual Wagon Train Days that is occurring next weekend in this county - not a Pride celebration - but a celebration nonetheless. I invited him to go with me (me a caucasian woman presenting quite visibly as a masculine lesbian) and him (an African American gay man). His eyes widened and I could see the fear on his face. Placerville, and small cities around like it, are not safe spaces for people of color, or people in the queer community. He politely told me no, but that these towns are not safe as he is afraid he will be harmed or killed, just for existing in the first place. I would like this county to be one that is not feared, but celebrated.

In years past the county recognized Gay Pride month, and I am hoping that moving forward we can continue to recognize it. As a community we need, no, we must celebrate the LGBTQ+ people who live here, celebrate their lives, their loved ones, their voices, their right to exist. Show Pride. Create Change. Make this county a safe place for all of its citizens and their guests.

Sincerely yours,

Robin Gunning

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For every minute you are angry, you lose 60 seconds of happiness. - Emerson



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Public Comment Item 66 - BOS June 8, 2021 Meeting

1 message

Nicole Gotberg <ngotberg@yahoo.com>

Fri, Jun 4, 2021 at 10:16 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Public Comment Item 66 June 8, 2021 BOS meeting, LGBT Pride Month Proclamation

I wanted to thank you for adding this proclamation to the agenda again this year, and resuming the tradition started by the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors in 2014 of issuing an LGBT Pride Month Proclamation in June. I serve on the PFLAG (Parents, Family, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) Placerville Chapter Board of Directors and also identify as queer myself. It means a lot to me personally and to our community that LGBTQ Pride Month is being recognized by our local government. There are people in our community of all different religions, political parties, races, and ethnicities that identify as LGBTQ+. I would urge you to unanimously vote yes on passing this proclamation and supporting all the people you represent living a life free from discrimination and prejudice.

Thank You,
Nicole Gotberg
Placerville Resident, District 3
PFLAG Placerville Board of Directors



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June 8th Agenda item 66

1 message

Dawn Wolfson <dewolfson@aol.com>

Sat, Jun 5, 2021 at 12:23 PM

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Dear Supervisors Turnboo, Thomas, Hidahl, Parlin and Novasel,

I am writing in support of a resolution supporting June as Pride month here in El Dorado County. I understand the county supported similar resolutions up until 2018. One of my children is gay, and I would like to think she lives in a community where she can not only be accepted for and openly be who she is, but where she cannot be discriminated against legally. She is an exceptionally smart, kind, well grounded young woman who doesn't deserve to be treated as "less than" under the law or in any other way because of the way she was created. Please pass this important resolution in affirmation of her equal rights in our county.

Thank you.

Dawn Wolfson
Cameron Park



County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Fwd: Agenda 66 - Proclamation Recognizing June, 2021 as LGBT Pride Month

1 message

Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>
To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 11:54 AM

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From: **Maureen** <dionperry@att.net>
Date: Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 11:40 AM
Subject: Agenda 66 - Proclamation Recognizing June, 2021 as LGBT Pride Month
To: Kim Dawson <kim.dawson@edcgov.us>

Dear Supervisors - I am writing you in support of the Proclamation recognizing June, 2021 as LGBT Pride Month.

It is very important for El Dorado County to celebrate diversity and recognize equality of opportunity and freedom from discrimination as a basic human right.

Thank you for your support of this important Proclamation.

Warm regards

Maureen Dion-Perry
Camino

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Support for El Dorado County Pride Proclamation

1 message

Joseph Connolly <retqmcs@gmail.com>

Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 1:02 PM

To: County of El Dorado Clerk of the Board <edc.cob@edcgov.us>

Cc: bosone@edcgov.us, bostwo@edcgov.us, BOS Three <bosthree@edcgov.us>, bosfour@edcgov.us, bosfive@edcgov.us

Dear Supervisors: I am writing to express my support for your approval of a proclamation to designate June, 2021 as Pride Month in El Dorado County. I appreciate Supervisor Novasel bringing that matter forward and I encourage you to unanimously join her in support of an inclusive and supportive message to all El Dorado County residents and visitors. That message is important to reinforce, to acknowledge that others should not be discriminated against because of who they are or who they love. While progress continues to be made in demonstrating these values of unconditional love and respect, true equality remains controversial for some, who refuse to recognize those who are different.

Your support makes a tremendous difference for those who are the targets of hate and discrimination. I mentioned that to Supervisors Hidahl and Novasel at the most recent Human Rights Commission, by noting that just one supportive adult can lessen the chance of a suicide attempt by up to 40 percent. A 2019 study by The Trevor Project (thetrevorproject.org), a leading national organization providing crisis intervention and suicide prevention services to LGBTQ young people under 25, showed that "having at least one supportive adult in their lives reduced the chance of a suicide attempt ... by 40 percent." The study also showed that "*any supportive adult* can make a difference." (emphasis added.) That is, you don't have to be a supportive family member or parent, just a supportive person. In my experience, as one who has LGBTQ family members, that support means extending unconditional love for who they are, not as you or others might wish or perceive them to be.

One inspiring example of a community's unconditional love are Utah families who decisively acted in response to youth suicide rates in that state, one of the highest in the country and largely due to homophobia. In 2018, Utah Governor Gary Herbert said in his "State of the State" speech, "The fact that suicide has become the leading cause of death among our young people horrifies me. This session, we will find solutions." Prior to that, in 2016, Stephanie Larsen, a Mormon mother of six who used to think that "being gay was a sin" started "Encircle," a safe space for LGBTQ youth. "The No. 1 thing Christ wants us to do is love others," she explained to the TODAY show. On Encircle's website, she says, "We needed to create safe spaces, that felt like home and carried one powerful message -- no sides, only love." Encircle's mission is equally clear: "to bring the family and community together to enable our LGBTQ+ youth to thrive." Encircle is just one of many Utah groups to embrace diversity, rather than condemn it, because of the significant human toll that discrimination was having there. (See encircletogether.org; and https://www.facebook.com/encircletogether/?ref=page_internal.)

On June 1, 2021, Utah's current governor, Spencer Cox, extended this unconditional support by issuing Utah's first state proclamation in support of Pride Month. (See proclamation below.) He added, "Here in Utah, we strive to create a culture of hope, love, understanding, and respect by celebrating our common humanity. Happy Pride Month Utah!" I urge you to join that and other messages of love and support for all. You have many LGBTQ+ youth, adults, families and allies throughout your representative districts that deserve your unconditional support, as do El Dorado County businesses and visitors who support equality.

Sincerely, Joseph Connolly
Diamond Springs



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

Declaration

Whereas, the month of June is commonly celebrated and recognized as LGBTQ+ Pride Month;

Whereas, we must encourage relevant and vital conversations about what it means to love each other, understand our differences, and support our LGBTQ+ friends and family members;

Whereas, we recognize that members of the LGBTQ- community who do not feel loved and accepted experience higher rates of mental health challenges;

Whereas, we can strengthen resilience in the LGBTQ- community through family and community inclusion and by providing access to help, and giving them our support, respect, understanding, and friendship;

Whereas, we must cultivate a climate of inclusion and unconditional love for all;

Whereas, in the state of Utah we strive to sustain a culture of hope, love, understanding, and respect by celebrating our common humanity;

Whereas, we should all strive to be more inclusive and accepting of the LGBTQ- members of our community;

Now, Therefore, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the great state of Utah, do hereby declare June 2021, as

LGBTQ+ Pride Month in Utah



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Public Comment on 6-8-2021 Agenda Item #66

Pam Hagen <pamhagen11@gmail.com>
To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Sun, Jun 6, 2021 at 6:26 PM

We have just received notice that Item #66 on Tuesday's agenda is calling for a proclamation to declare June 2021 Pride Month in El Dorado County. We are writing to most passionately support this proclamation. Our LGBTQ friends and neighbors, adults and most especially youth, must hear, and someday be secure knowing, that they are all welcome, included and valued in El Dorado County and we pray you will make it so from your position of the Board.

Thank you in advance,
Pamela and Carl Hagen
Placerville

Sent from my iPhone



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1 message

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Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 8:52 AM

FROM: Lara Gularte

TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

RE: 6-8-2021, Agenda Item 66

Proclamation recognizing June as LGBT pride month in El Dorado County.

I am Lara Gularte, Citizen of El Dorado County, who serves as a Human Rights Commissioner

I thank you for doing the right thing for those you represent by signing the proclamation recognizing June as LGBT pride month in El Dorado County.

As stated in Article 1 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "All human beings are born free & equal in dignity and rights."

In unity we will declare that everyone's rights are protected, free from discrimination and with acceptance and understanding. This Proclamation affirms our efforts to build a community where we can all come together and celebrate our shared humanity. There is no better way to celebrate our diversity than by recognizing the month of June as LGBT Pride Month.

Thank you,

Lara Gularte

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TO: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors

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Thank you,

Lara Gularte



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Public comment for agenda item 66

1 message

Jude Wood <jwood@bgclt.org>

Mon, Jun 7, 2021 at 2:53 PM

To: edc.cob@edcgov.us

Cc: Sue Novasel <sue.novasel@edcgov.us>

I would like to share my support for the proclamation submitted by Supervisor Novasel to recognise Pride Month in our County.

Approximately 10% of all young people are LGBTQ+ and therefore represent a significant proportion of our County population. The average age for 'coming out' is now 12 to 13 years old. However, 40% of those youth are likely to experience homelessness as a direct result of being LGBTQ. 80% will experience social isolation and 92% will be stigmatized for being LGBTQ. Youth who associate as LGTBQ are 4x more likely to attempt suicide.

It is vital that we support and accept these young people for who they are and reduce the stigma they face so they can grow to be active, engaged and successful members of our community. Supervisor Novasel's proclamation is an important step in showing our youth that the County accepts them and values them as individuals.

Thank you.

Jude Wood, Executive Director, Boys and Girls Club of Lake Tahoe.

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