

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR PROCLAMATION



- **WHEREAS,** the City of St. Charles, Illinois enjoys the title, "Pride of the Fox," in part because it celebrates the diversity of the people who live, work, and visit St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS, St. Charles is a welcoming and inclusive community for LGBTQ+ individuals and families who chose to live, work and enjoy St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ residents have made a visible positive contribution to the quality of life in St. Charles; and
- WHEREAS, in addition to the LGBTQ+ residents, there are many residents who are allies to the LGBTQ+ community and cause; and
- WHEREAS, throughout the country's history LBBTQ+ people have faced prejudice and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS, In America all people should be able to live with dignity and have equal rights under the law; and
- WHEREAS, in recognition of the demonstrations known as the Stonewall Uprising in June 1969, the month of June is traditionally recognized as Pride Month in the United States and in the State of Illinois; now.

NOW, THEREFORE I, Lora Vitek, Mayor of the City of St. Charles do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as **LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH** in the City of St. Charles, and call upon the residents of our community to celebrate the great diversity of St. Charles, and work together to break down the walls of discrimination, intolerance and lack of understanding, and promote full equal rights for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of St. Charles will raise a rainbow flag for the month of June 2023, as a sign of the City of St. Charles' support for the principles of LGBTQ+ Pride.



Lora A. Vitek, Mayor