

# ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

# Proclamation

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## LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, AND TRANSGENDER+ PRIDE MONTH

**WHEREAS**, the June 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York City precipitated the modern fight for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) rights; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 11, 1999, President Clinton issued a proclamation designating June as Gay and Lesbian Pride Month, and in June 2009, President Obama expanded it to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month; and

**WHEREAS**, all people should be treated with respect and dignity and should be able to live without fear no matter who they are or whom they love, and each June LGBTQ+ persons and allies, or the Rainbow Community members, come together to recommit to achieving equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County was recently recognized by the Human Rights Commission with a perfect score on its Municipal Equality Index, for the County's non-discrimination laws and practices as an employer and service provider, and representation of LGBTQ+ community members and allies in positions of leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Arlington County has a long-standing commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and commends Arlington Pride for their dedication to promoting equity, inclusion, diversity, and fairness and justice for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Katie Cristol, Chair of the County Board of Arlington, Virginia, do hereby proclaim **June 2022**, as

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in Arlington in honor of freedom from prejudice and bias in any form, and in recognition and praise of those members of our community who constantly fight the battle for all citizens regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, creed, ethnic origin, or religion.



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Katie Cristol  
Chair