

# City of Petaluma

## Proclamation

*PRIDE MONTH – JUNE 2024*

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Honorable Members of the Petaluma City Council, the governing body of Petaluma, California do hereby unite in solidarity and common purpose to recognize, honor and celebrate the diversity, shared humanity and civil rights of our entire community and all its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, each of us were born into the world the way we are and should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred based on our race, ethnicity, religion, gender identity or sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Petaluma community includes people of all ages and races who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer (LGBTQIA+) and each of us should have the same unalienable equal rights, benefits and responsibilities that are shared and enjoyed by each of us; and

**WHEREAS**, embracing and celebrating our individual identities and commonalities as humans helps to further bring everyone together and drives the development of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the world has shown that continued human progress and the success of society and civilization has been built on a foundation of inclusiveness and acceptance; and

**WHEREAS**, embracing our differences helps to fulfill the principals and creed written into the founding documents of our great Nation, in that our individual destinies and that of our families and communities include not only the aspiration of our federal constitutional republic but the support and success of all our citizens in realizing the fulfillment of its promise.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Kevin McDonnell, Mayor of Petaluma, along with members of the Petaluma City Council, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2024 as Pride Month and bring to the attention of all our residents that we may join together in honoring our diversity and community.

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*Kevin McDonnell, Mayor*

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*Caitlin Corley, City Clerk*