

REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

DATE: MAY 8, 2024

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: NATHAN HAMBURGER, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: ADOPT RESOLUTION 24-2062; RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, PLUS (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FLY THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG AT THE AGOURA HILLS CIVIC CENTER THROUGHOUT THE MONTH

This item is being presented, at the request of Mayor Buckley Weber, as part of the effort to expand the inclusion and celebration of all members of the Agoura Hills community. The proposed resolution recognizes June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month and directs staff to fly the Rainbow Pride flag during the month.

LGBTQ+ history month is celebrated in June by the federal government, along with many other state and local governments. It is a month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of gay rights and related civil rights movements. The Library of Congress defines it as:

“Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as ‘Gay Pride Day,’ but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the ‘day’ soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events. Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.”

Should the City Council have a desire to make any amendments prior to adoption of this resolution, staff can bring the item back for consideration at the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no impact to the approved City Council Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff respectfully recommends the City Council adopt Resolution No. 24-2062; Recognizing June 2024 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, Plus (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the City of Agoura Hills and Directing Staff to Fly the Rainbow Pride Flag at the Agoura Hills Civic Center throughout the Month.

Attachment: Resolution No. 24-2062

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2062

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS RECOGNIZING JUNE 2024 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUESTIONING, PLUS (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS AND DIRECTING STAFF TO FLY THE RAINBOW PRIDE FLAG AT AGOURA HILLS CIVIC CENTER THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE 2024

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equity for all people in the community;

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, employees, and business owners within the City of Agoura Hills who contribute to the enrichment of our City are part of the LGBTQ+ community;

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQ+ persons, and supporters, come together in various celebrations of pride;

WHEREAS, cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQ+ Pride month;

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills believes it is important to communicate its support for inclusivity, equality and respect in our City, and desires to recognize June as LGBTQ+ Pride month;

WHEREAS, the City of Agoura Hills strives to be a place where all residents and visitors feel accepted and welcome;

WHEREAS, the Rainbow Pride Flag, also known as the LGBTQ+ Pride Flag or Gay Pride Flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of LGBTQ+ pride and social movements; and

WHEREAS, flying the City's Rainbow Pride Flag at the Civic Center throughout the month of June further symbolizes Agoura Hills' official recognition of June as LGBTQ+ Pride month and symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council declares the month of June 2024 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the City of Agoura Hills

Section 2. The City Council directs staff to fly the Rainbow Pride Flag at the Civic Center throughout the month of June 2024.

Section 3. This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of May, 2024, by the following vote to wit:

AYES: (
NOES: (
ABSTAIN: (
ABSENT: (
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Illece Buckley Weber, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, City Clerk