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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) communities are an integral part of the vibrant culture and climate of Framingham; and

WHEREAS, Framingham embraces diversity in all forms including gender, race, age, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs and ability; and

WHEREAS, the month of June is designated National Pride Month honoring the history and achievements of the LGBTQ+ community and commemorates the anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising which occurred in June of 1969, and is recognized as the start of the LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the month of June 2020 celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the Pride movement in Massachusetts and the 1st Pride Parade held in Boston; and

WHEREAS, Framingham is proud to be one of the homes to OUT MetroWest, who since 2011 has been providing positive role models, challenging all systems of oppressions, and creating supportive spaces to respect, embrace, and celebrate LGBTQ+ youth; and

WHEREAS, during this COVID-19 pandemic it is especially important to let all of our residents know they are supported, respected, and not forgotten by their allies in their local government; and

WHEREAS, Framingham affirms its commitment to protect and serve everyone who resides in, works in, or visits, without discrimination, as well as its belief in the dignity, equality and constitutional and civil rights of all people.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED, that we, Mayor Yvonne M. Spicer, Superintendent Robert Tremblay, the Framingham City Council, and the Framingham School Committee, declare the month of June 2020, to be Pride Month in the City of Framingham. We ask members of the Framingham community to respect, honor, and recognize the enduring efforts and ongoing contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer members of our community.