

THE CITY OF SARASOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, civil rights represent a key component to our democracy and history as countless groups have fought to ensure their unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness despite great personal sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the month of June commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Riots in which members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community sparked the LGBTQ rights movement in response to the increasing aggression and discrimination faced by law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ members represent a vital part of the Sarasota community, which remains home to numerous advocacy groups dedicated to maintaining diversity and inclusiveness to promote a welcoming atmosphere within our city; and

WHEREAS, while there remains much work around the globe to guarantee utmost protection of the LGBTQ community, our city remains steady in its belief that every human has the right to live and express themselves as desired;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Hagen Brody, Mayor of the City of Sarasota, on behalf of the Sarasota City Commission and the citizens of our community, hereby proclaim the Month of June 2021 as

“Pride Month”

a month of special importance and worthy of the recognition of the citizens of the City of Sarasota.

Hagen Brody, Mayor

Erik J. Arroyo, Vice Mayor

Kyle S. Battie, Commissioner

Liz Alpert, Commissioner

Jen Ahearn-Koch, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Shayla Griggs, City Auditor and Clerk