

## PROCLAMATION

### LGBTQ+ Pride Month, 2023

**WHEREAS:** Joliet Township Government would like to officially recognize June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning (LGBTQ+) Pride month to acknowledge and celebrate the history of those who have made and continue to make valuable contributions in our society and in ensuring progress, and lasting equality for LGBTQ+ individuals; and

**WHEREAS:** June will act as a time of remembrance to honor the historic and revolutionary events that occurred at the Stonewall Inn in June 1969, which laid the foundation for the on-going equality movement in regards to the LGBTQ+ community. This month will serve as a time of personal reflection for the LGBTQ+ community and their allies towards the effort, sacrifices, and victories of those individuals; and

**WHEREAS:** June will be a time of celebration for the LGBTQ+ community at Joliet Township Government for the progress made since Stonewall and the resilience and determination of the individuals in the LGBTQ+ community for their continued efforts to raise awareness in regards to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community and create improvement; and

**WHEREAS,** During LGBTQ+ Pride Month, we state our promise to uphold the freedom, dignity, and self-esteem of all individuals within this community and promise to dedicate ourselves to protecting them against all forms of discrimination, oppression, and hatred. LGBTQ+ Pride Month reiterates that LGBTQ+ rights are human rights and Joliet Township Government stands with and will continue to support this community to accept nothing less than full equality.

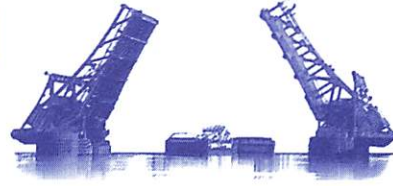
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Joliet Township Government does hereby recognize and honor June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

**ADOPTED** this 13th day of June, 2023.

Angel Contreras, Township Supervisor

Attest:

Alicia Morales, Township Clerk



## PROCLAMATION Juneteenth

*WHEREAS, Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 1865, Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the remaining enslaved Blacks in Texas were now free nearly two and a half years after the Emancipation Proclamation and two months after the end of the Civil War; and*

*WHEREAS, with those words, our country changed, and we have continued to change, striving always to make it right and to make it better for all; and*

*WHEREAS, while these words created a legal means to continue the fight for equality, equality remained a distant reality; and*

*WHEREAS, the observance of Juneteenth is about the journey of Black Americans, from a horrific period of enslavement to blessed freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, today we celebrate incremental progress with this resolution recognizing and celebrating the moment when emancipation reached the last enslaved part of the confederacy in Texas, and*

*WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates pride, resilience and determination that will always be of historical and spiritual significance; and*

*WHEREAS, as we look back on over 150 years of progress, we honor those who have come before us, we remember those who lost their lives, and we remember those who collectively paved the road to freedom; and*

*WHEREAS, we pay tribute to this journey and we acknowledge the many roles and contributions of the Black spirit to our society; and*

*WHEREAS, we embrace the past and we embrace the future, something that only occurs with unity and respect; and*

*WHEREAS, Joliet Township Government celebrates Juneteenth and celebrates the freedom of our Black brothers and sisters.*

*Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023.*

  
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Angel Contreras, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:

  
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Alicia Morales, Township Clerk