

## Township of Pequannock

## **MORRIS COUNTY · NEW JERSEY**

Pride Month - June 2021

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of Pequannock Township, New Jersey welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

WHEREAS, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination and intolerance; and

WHEREAS, we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular our youth, who compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the Council of Pequannock Township on this 25th day of May, 2021, that the Council recognizes and supports the month of June as "Pride Month." We urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month, as a welcoming sign to all.

KYLE RUSSELL, Mayor

MELISSA FLORANCE-LYNCH

DAVID G. KOHLE

RYAN HERD

RICHARD PHELAN