

THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF COLMAR MANOR, MARYLAND

RESOLUTION NO. R-5-2021

A RESOLUTION of the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor, Maryland recognizing June as Pride Month in Colmar Manor, Maryland and to actively promote the principles of equality, diversity, and liberty.

WHEREAS, the Town of Colmar Manor continues to be dedicated to growing a welcoming community and ensuring that our Town is an exceptional place for all to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family;

WHEREAS, our community is committed to realizing a set of principles that includes that every person is equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and happiness, and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law;

WHEREAS, our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) neighbors are a diverse, engaged, and vital part of the fullness of our Colmar Manor community, contributing to all walks of life and as active and visible leaders and contributors to creating a stronger community;

WHEREAS, our nation is founded on the principle of equal rights and ordered liberties for all people, yet we continue to see that many Americans are not afforded the fulfillment of that promise;

WHEREAS, we are still witnessing inspired civil rights movements that continue to bring one group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American society with much work remaining to be done to ensure justice and equity for all;

WHEREAS, nearly 52 years ago this month, the Stonewall Uprising became a tipping point for the gay rights movement where members of the LGBTQ+ community rose up in bloody protest and in undaunted force against the injustice of a police raid of the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village in New York City;

WHEREAS, we must acknowledge and honor the legacies of two transgender women of color: Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera who, at the Stonewall Inn, helped ignite the LGBTQ+ rights movement in the United States;

WHEREAS, we continue to witness that fatal violence disproportionately affects transgender women of color - particularly Black transgender women – and that according to the Human Rights Campaign, the intersections of racism, sexism, homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and unchecked access to guns conspire to deprive these individuals of employment, housing, healthcare, and other necessities;

WHEREAS, on this fifth anniversary of the Pulse nightclub massacre in Orlando, Florida, killing 49 people and wounding 53 more, most from the Latinx community, is a somber reminder that targeted violence remains an important concern;

WHEREAS, the Town of Colmar Manor recognizes that it is imperative that all people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders;

WHEREAS, the Town of Colmar Manor recognizes the importance of equity and freedom, and is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its residents and preventing discrimination and bullying in any form; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Colmar Manor remains strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity and intersectionality of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender, age, and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our Town.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL OF COLMAR MANOR TO PROCLAIM AND RECOGNIZE June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBTQ+) Pride Month in the Town of Colmar Manor and the _____ day of June as a day to raise a Pride flag at the Town Hall flagpole, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that as the Mayor and Town Council, we urge Town residents to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community; to encourage our LGBTQ+ youth to stand proud all year long; to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty, and to reject prejudice and bias in any form.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel R. Baden, the Clerk-Treasurer

of the Town be and he is hereby authorized to take such actions as are provided herein to accomplish the resolutions expressed herein on behalf of the Town.

Introduced on the ____ day of June 2021

Adopted on the ____ day of June 1, 2021

ATTEST:

Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor

Daniel R. Baden
Clerk-Treasurer

Sadara Barrow
Mayor

Maliek Harding
Councilmember, Ward I

Irina Hobbs
Councilmember, Ward II

Douglas Bowles
Councilmember, Ward III

Melinda Mendoza
Councilmember, Ward IV

I certify that the following motion was made at the meeting of the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor held on _____, 2021.

Councilmember _____ moved that the Mayor and Town Council adopt Resolution No. R -5-2021, a resolution of the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor, Maryland recognizing June as Pride Month in Colmar Manor, Maryland

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Seconded: Councilmember _____

Vote:

Clerk-Treasurer to the Mayor and Town Council of Colmar Manor

Daniel R. Baden