



PROCLAMATION

OF THE

MENDOCINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2026 AS LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH IN MENDOCINO COUNTY

WHEREAS, the month of June is recognized globally as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, strength, and resilience of the LGBTQIA2S+ community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month encourages unity, acceptance, and understanding, while also acknowledging that the struggle for full equality continues; and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 marked a pivotal moment in the struggle for LGBTQIA2S+ rights in the United States. The events at the Stonewall Inn in New York City galvanized a movement and led to the establishment of annual Pride celebrations around the world; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ youth, especially transgender youth, in Mendocino County and across the United States face significant challenges and disparities in mental health due to social stigma, discrimination, and rejection; and

WHEREAS, research continues to show that LGBTQIA2S+ young people are at a significantly higher risk of suicide than their peers, underscoring the need for affirming support, inclusive environments, and access to culturally responsive mental health care; and

WHEREAS, the intersection of identities such as race, gender, and sexuality can compound stressors and increase the risk of isolation, discrimination, and harmful mental health outcomes; and

WHEREAS, local organizations and community groups, including the Mendo Pride Committee, Mendocino County Safe Space Project, Mendocino College Pride Program, Rainbow Is Family and Friends (RIFF), and Transbloom, provide advocacy, support, education, and connection for LGBTQIA2S+ residents and families; and

WHEREAS, Mendocino County has a rich history of LGBTQIA2S+ individuals contributing to all aspects of life in our County and beyond, helping make our communities stronger, safer, and more welcoming for everyone; and

WHEREAS, recognizing Pride Month is an opportunity to affirm that all people deserve dignity, safety, belonging, and the freedom to live openly and authentically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mendocino hereby proclaims June 2026 as:

“LGBTQIA+ Pride Month in Mendocino County”

Dated:

Bernie Norvell, Chair

