

## TOWN OF NEEDHAM Town Hall 1471 Highland Avenue Needham, MA 02492-2669

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## **PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Needham strives to be a welcoming community and a

good place to live; and

**WHEREAS:** Needham recognizes and values diversity of its residents and people

everywhere; and

**WHEREAS:** Needham recognizes and values the contribution that each and every

resident makes to work, improve recreation, and civic life in our Town;

and

**WHEREAS:** LGBTQIA+ members of our Town are full and participating members

of our community; and

**WHEREAS:** We all appreciate the rich tapestry of ethnic, cultural, racial, sex and

gender identities of the residents of our Town; and

WHEREAS: LGBTQIA+ teens are at especially high risk of experiencing

discrimination, mistreatment and even violence, and have increased suicide rates, and the Town is committed to ensure that they are safe,

valued and supported;

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it resolved that June, 2021 be declared Pride Month in the Town of Needham and that all residents be encouraged to recognize and acknowledge the contributions of the LGBTQIA+ members of our community as we continue to advance the principles of liberty, equality and inclusivity for all.

Signed this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of May 2021	

Select Board of Needham