



Office of the Mayor

# Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, On June 27, 1969 the New York City Police Department raided the Stonewall Inn, a bar that was frequented by members of the lesbians, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning, or LGBTQ community; and

**WHEREAS**, The Stonewall riots marked the beginning of the liberation movement that transformed the oppression of LGBTQ people into calls of pride and action, and LGBTQ Pride Month, where we commemorate the events of June 1969 and commit to achieving equal justice under the law for LGBTQ Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, New Milford has a proud LGBTQ community, from all walks of life, which has the right to feel safe and not live with fear of harassment and persecution and not be discriminated against; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers, and more than 1/3 of LGBTQ youths have attempted suicide and nine out of ten LGBTQ youths report harassment at school, and three-fifths report feeling unsafe at school; and

**WHEREAS**, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation. During LGBTQ Pride Month, we celebrate the proud legacy LGBTQ individuals have woven into the fabric of our Nation, we honor those who have fought to perfect our union, and we continue our work to build a society where every child grows up knowing that their country supports them, is proud of them, and has a place for them exactly as they are.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Michael Putrino, Mayor of the Borough of New Milford do hereby proclaim June 2019 as

**LGBTQ PRIDE MONTH**

Mayor Michael Putrino