



Proclamation

The City of Clayton
State of California

recognizing
June
as
LGBTQI+ Pride Month
in the City of Clayton

WHEREAS, the City of Clayton is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, work and visit; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clayton is strengthened by diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents, all of whom contribute to the vibrant character of our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clayton has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Plus (LGBTQI+) community, and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for all community members so that all residents can live free from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of LGBTQI+ persons throughout the nation, there continues to be some opposition against people from this community and around the world making it important for cities like Clayton to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

WHEREAS, several cities across the United States, in California and in Contra Costa County recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQI+ Pride Month; and

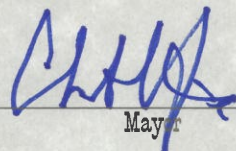
WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which LGBTQI+ people, and supporters come together in various celebrations of pride; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQI+ pride flag or gay pride flag, has been used since the 1970's as a symbol of LGBTQI+ pride and social movements; and

WHEREAS, flying the rainbow flag at City Hall and other City owned and maintained flagpoles throughout the month of June further symbolizes the City's celebration of diversity and support for the LGBTQI+ community.

Now, Therefore, I, Carl Wolfe, Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Clayton City Council, hereby proclaim the month of June as "LGBTQI+ Pride Month" in Clayton, California, and invites everyone to reflect on ways in which we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, and further, recognizes Pride Month by flying the rainbow flag at several City flagpoles during the month of June.





Mayor

5-19-21

Date



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The City of Clayton
State of California

declaring

June

as

"Portuguese National Heritage Month"

WHEREAS, in September 1542, Portuguese explorer Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo sailed a ship into San Diego Bay and became the first European to explore the land now known as California and is credited with numerous coastal discoveries; and

WHEREAS, the first Portuguese settlers came from the Azores Islands; contributing substantially to setting up agricultural operations, especially dairy, vegetable, and fruit farms; and

WHEREAS, historically, California has been a popular destination for immigrants from the Azores Islands, creating strong cultural ties between the two regions; and

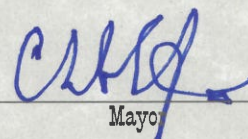
WHEREAS, in 1979, the Center for Portuguese Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, was founded for the purpose of promoting and developing Portuguese studies in California and the United States; and

WHEREAS, among the great Portuguese Americans who have contributed significantly to this country are: composer John Philip Sousa, best known for composing "Stars and Stripes Forever"; poet Emma Lazarus best known for her sonnet about the Statue of Liberty, "The New Colossus"; architect William L. Pereira, best known for designing the Transamerica Pyramid in San Francisco; singer and actress Carmen Miranda, and including the entertainment industry, the most notable of whom are Mary Astor, Tome Hanks, Joe Perry and James Franco; and

WHEREAS, The Portuguese Heritage Society of California designated the second Saturday of June as a day to celebrate Portuguese culture through music, dance, art, cooking, parades, and other festivities.

Now, Therefore, I, Carl Wolfe, Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Clayton City Council, proclaim June, as "Portuguese National Heritage Month" in Clayton, CA and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.





Mayor

6/1/21

Date



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The City of Clayton
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June 19

as

"Juneteenth"

WHEREAS, President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863, declaring the slaves in Confederate territory free, paving the way for the passing of the 13th Amendment which formally abolished slavery in the United States of America; and

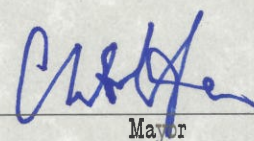
WHEREAS, word about the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was delayed some two- and one-half years, to June 19, 1865, in reaching authorities and African-Americans in the South and Southwestern United States; and

WHEREAS, Emancipation Day observations are held on different days in different states in the South and Southwest, and in other parts of the nation; and

WHEREAS, June 19th has a special meaning to African-Americans, and is called "JUNETEENTH" combining the words June and Nineteenth, and has been celebrated by the African-American community for over 150 years.

Now, Therefore, I, Carl Wolfe, Mayor, and on behalf of the entire Clayton City Council, proclaim June 19, as "Juneteenth" in Clayton, CA and I call this observance to the attention of all of our citizens.





Mayor

6/20/21

Date