



**TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL
COUNTY OF MERCER, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

Proclamation

**RECOGNIZING JUNE AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS, QUEER
+ (LGBTQ+) PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, on June 28th, 1969, New York City police raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay club located in Greenwich Village, sparking a riot that led to six days of protests and violent clashes with law enforcement, known as the Stonewall Riots, which later served as the catalyst for the LGBTQ+ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising and the subsequent first Pride march in New York City in June 1970, each June, Americans come together to celebrate and honor the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, since the Stonewall Uprising, the LGBTQ+ community has achieved significant progress, including the right to marriage equality across the country, state and federal workplace protections, and the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, same-sex marriage has been legally recognized in New Jersey since October 21, 2013, following a trial court ruling that invalidated the state's restriction of marriage to persons of different sexes, making New Jersey the 14th U.S. state to legalize it; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate and reflect upon the courage and accomplishments of the LGBTQ+ community who continue to fight for progress towards securing important rights and freedoms to live freely and authentically, often through struggle and adversity; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ+ community has and continues to face systemic discrimination across the United States, including social stigma, challenges accessing healthcare and other basic social services, and increased rates of violence; and

WHEREAS, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality in recent years, the rights of LGBTQ+ Americans remain under relentless attack, with dangerous anti-LGBTQ+ legislation being introduced and passed in states across the country, particularly targeting trans children and their parents and interfering with their access to health care; and

WHEREAS, we remain vigilant and active against any political efforts to enact anti-LGBTQ+ legislation or to overturn prior hard-fought, recognized rights; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that queer and trans people of color have been and remain at the forefront of that struggle for those rights; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Hopewell values diversity and inclusion and is committed to equal rights, justice, and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Hopewell Township recognizes the important contributions of its LGBTQ+ residents to the Township's history, culture, economy, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for our LGBTQ+ residents, including our youth, and stand with them to protect their civil rights and ability to live openly without fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim June 2025 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that we, the Hopewell Township Committee, encourage all residents to celebrate and affirm our proud and diverse LGBTQ+ community year-round.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, this proclamation will be recognized by raising the Progress Pride flag from June 1 to June 30, 2025, with a formal flag raising celebration and proclamation reading on June 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hopewell Township Administration Building.

*In Witness Whereof, I Hereunto Set My
Hand and Cause to be Affixed the
Seal of the Township of Hopewell
This 2nd day of June 2025*

Courtney Peters-Manning, Mayor