

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2022-34

AFFIRMING THE RIGHTS OF LGBTQ+ PERSONS AND CELEBRATING OUR SHARED DIVERSITIES

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people exist in all cultures, all classes, all families, all religions and all ethnicities and are actively welcomed in Yellow Springs as codified in our Village Values, and

WHEREAS, when those of us empowered to believe in the worth of our lives and voices use our voices to challenge the discrimination and diminishment of all disempowered people, we lift up all LGBTQ+ people and strengthen our community, and

WHEREAS, the last year has brought a cascade of legislative violence against those most easily marginalized by an increasingly reactive conservative minority, with many such actions directed at LGBTQ+ persons and those who support them, and

WHEREAS, the concept of PRIDE is rooted in a history of relentless shaming for what people are, who they are and whom they love, and this expression of PRIDE is essential to solidifying belief in LGBTQ+ people's worth as a community and as individuals, and

WHEREAS, we wish to recognize that LGBTQ+ persons are ubiquitous, and we raise ourselves by raising all disempowered, underrepresented and oppressed people, and

WHEREAS, we encourage all people to condemn the silencing of LGBTQ+ history and to challenge the ignorance that drives oppression of our transgender and non-binary youth.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Council for the Village of Yellow Springs that:

Section 1. Village Council takes PRIDE in the diversity of our community and commits to ensuring the equal treatment and protection of all Villagers and Visitors, regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, ethnicity, economic status, mental/physical ability or religious affiliation.

Section 2. Village Council encourages the celebration of June 24-July 1 as YS Pride Week to recognize progress made in the ongoing fight for justice, equality and inclusion, and calls on everyone to recommit themselves to confronting hatred and bigotry in all its forms.

Section 3. "SAY GAY!"

Signed: _____

Brian Housh, President of Council



Passed: 6-6-2022

Attest: _____

Judy Kinner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

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MacQueen__Y__

Stokes__Y__

Brown__Y__

DeVore Leonard__Y__