

**VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO
RESOLUTION 2023-43**

**CELEBRATING THE VALUE, WORTH AND RIGHT TO A LIFE FREE FROM MALICIOUS
JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION FOR EVERY HUMAN**

WHEREAS, in just the first few months of 2023 there have been more anti-LGBTQ+ bills introduced than in *all of 2012-2015*, with many such actions directed at LGBTQ+ youth and those who support and/or educate them; and

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, any effort to silence or discredit any member of the LGBTQ+ community must be recognized as a tactic of disempowerment and should not be tolerated; and

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

WHEREAS, the concept of PRIDE is rooted in the history of our society--publicly, personally and legislatively shaming people for who we are and who we love is unacceptable--and the expression of PRIDE is essential to solidifying belief in LGBTQ+ peoples' worth as a community and as individuals; and

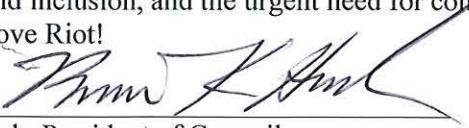
WHEREAS, we wish to recognize that LGBTQ+ persons are ubiquitous, and we raise ourselves by raising all disempowered, underrepresented and oppressed people; and

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 people.

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. In the words of Harvey Milk, "It takes no compromise to give people their rights. It takes no money to respect the individual. It takes no survey to remove repressions." Village Council encourages the celebration of June 24 as YS Pride Day to recognize progress made in the ongoing fight for justice, equality and inclusion, and the urgent need for continued active support for the LGBTQ+ community. Join the Love Riot!

Signed: 
Brian Housh, President of Council

Passed: 6-5-2023

Attest: 
Judy Kirtner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

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Stokes_Absent__

MacQueen_Y__

Brown_Y__

DeVore Leonard_Y__

