

VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS, OHIO

RESOLUTION 2025-37

CELEBRATING PRIDE IN THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS AND HONORING THE
LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people are part of and significantly contribute to 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, LGBTQ+ people continue to fight for equal treatment, dignity and respect, and we must “show up” to overcome current threats from homophobic/transphobic legislators; and,

WHEREAS, the annual YS Pride celebration highlights that PRIDE is a **statement** and involves protest to guarantee rights for LGBTQ+ individuals along with fun, festivity and fellowship; and,

WHEREAS, the current toxic political environment is degrading the rights of the LGBTQ+ community and PRIDE is a critical movement to resist and give voice to our family, friends and neighbors, reminding the world that LGBTQ+ persons are *here, proud and unstoppable*; and,

WHEREAS, we wish to recognize that LGBTQ+ persons improve their communities and help make them complete; we raise ourselves by raising all disempowered, underrepresented and oppressed people, and we must join together to overcome the torrent of erasure coming from the highest levels of government; and,

WHEREAS, Yellow Springs embodies that which is best in local government and community, and will continue to affirm and vigorously support that we can all “Be Ourselves Here”,

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 & 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 **marching louder, celebrating bolder and standing stronger** on June 28, 2025 to recognize the rich cultural and societal contributions of the LGBTQ+ community and to fight for justice, equity and inclusion, calling on each of us to recommit ourselves to confronting hatred and bigotry in all its forms.

Signed: _____

Kevin Stokes, President of Council

Passed: 6-16-2025

Attest: _____

Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council

Roll Call:

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