



The Village of
Golf Manor OHIO
Proclamation



NO. 2021-2

HONORING
LGBTQ Pride Month

WHEREAS, fifty-one years ago this month, at the Stonewall Inn in New York City, a courageous group of citizens resisted harassment and mistreatment, setting in motion a chain of events that would become known as the Stonewall Up-Rising and the birth of the modern gay and lesbian civil rights movement, and

WHEREAS, many of those in the LGBTQ community, their families and friends, celebrate the anniversary of Stonewall every June in the U.S. as Pride Month, and

WHEREAS, the Stonewall Inn, as well as the nearby park and neighborhood streets surrounding it, are on the National Register of Historic Places, and

WHEREAS, I am proud of the work of our Council and the overwhelming majority of Golf Manor residents have taken to combat discrimination and ensure that our LGBTQ brothers and sisters have the same rights guaranteed to their fellow residents, and

WHEREAS, last year, I cast the deciding vote and signed our local Nondiscrimination ordinance, which specifically added LGBTQ individuals as a protected class in our community, and which after the call for a referendum was overwhelmingly affirmed by the residents of Golf Manor in last year's November elections, and

WHEREAS, we have come a long way on our journey toward tolerance, understanding, and mutual respect, we still have a long way to go in our efforts to end discrimination, and

WHEREAS, people across our country continue to be shaken by violent acts that strike at the heart of what it means to be an American and at the values that have always defined us as a Nation, including more than 7,000 reported hate crimes in our country—almost one an hour, in the most recent year for which we have statistics, and

WHEREAS, our greatest hope for a just society is to teach our children to respect one another, to appreciate our differences, and to recognize the fundamental values that we hold in common.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Stefan Densmore, Mayor of the Village of Golf Manor, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Village Charter, laws of the State of Ohio and the United States, do hereby affirm and proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month, and encourage all residents of Golf Manor to observe this with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that celebrate our diversity, and to remember throughout the year the LGBTQ Americans whose many and varied contributions have enriched our national life.

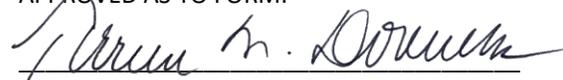
PROCLAIMED this 14th day of June, 2021.


Stefan C. Densmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Paula Burgin, Assistant Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Terrence M. Donnellon, Solicitor


Great VillageSM