

NEW HANOVER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PRIDE MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2023 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) "Pride Month" throughout New Hanover County; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County observes "Pride Month" to honor the history of the LGBTQ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic, and economic successes of this country; and

WHEREAS, New Hanover County is committed to supporting visibility, dignity, and equality for LGBTQ people in our diverse community; and

WHEREAS, while society at-large increasingly supports LGBTQ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, this nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and New Hanover County calls upon the people of this community to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for New Hanover County's LGBTQ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED by the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners that the month of June 2023 will be recognized as "Pride Month" in New Hanover County in support of the LGBTQ community.

ADOPTED this the 5th day of June, 2023.



NEW HANOVER COUNTY

William E. Rivenbark

William E. Rivenbark, Chair

ATTEST:

Kymerleigh G. Crowell

Kymerleigh G. Crowell, Clerk to the Board