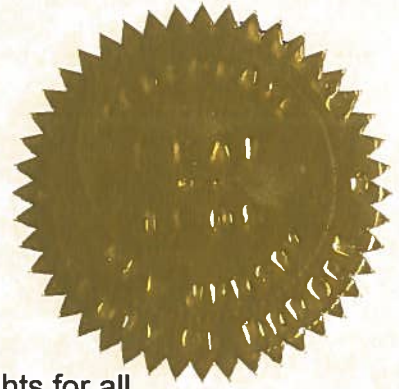


Office of the Mayor
Borough of Ramsey



Proclamation

WHEREAS, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, however, the fulfillment of this promise has been long in coming for many Americans. Some of the most inspiring moments in our history have arisen from the various civil rights movements that have brought one marginalized group after another into the mainstream of American society; and

WHEREAS, in the movement toward equal rights for LGBTQ+ community, a historic turning point occurred on June 28, 1969, in New York City, with the onset of the Stonewall Riots. During these riots, LGBTQ+ citizens rose up and resisted police harassment that resulted from enforcement of discriminatory criminal laws that have since been found to be unconstitutional. Subsequently, civil rights for LGBTQ+ people have grown substantially; and

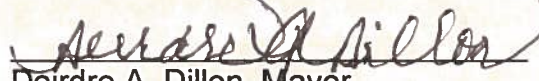
WHEREAS, while barriers that limit the potential of LGBTQ+ people have been eliminated in the United States, too many individuals still continue to encounter discrimination and unfair treatment; and

WHEREAS, all people deserve to live with dignity and respect, free from fear and violence, and protected against discrimination, regardless of their gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, understanding, acceptance and support are important protective factors against suicide and harm for LGBTQ+ individuals. During LGBT Pride Month, we celebrate and recognize the important legacy of LGBTQ+ individuals who are part of the fabric of our Nation and our community and we honor those who have fought to perfect our Union and protect our country while we celebrate our diversity and uniqueness.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Deirdre Dillon, Mayor of the Borough of Ramsey, along with the members of the Ramsey Borough Council, do hereby proclaim June 2019 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month; and

I call upon the residents of Ramsey to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists, and to celebrate the great diversity of our Ramsey community.


Deirdre A. Dillon, Mayor