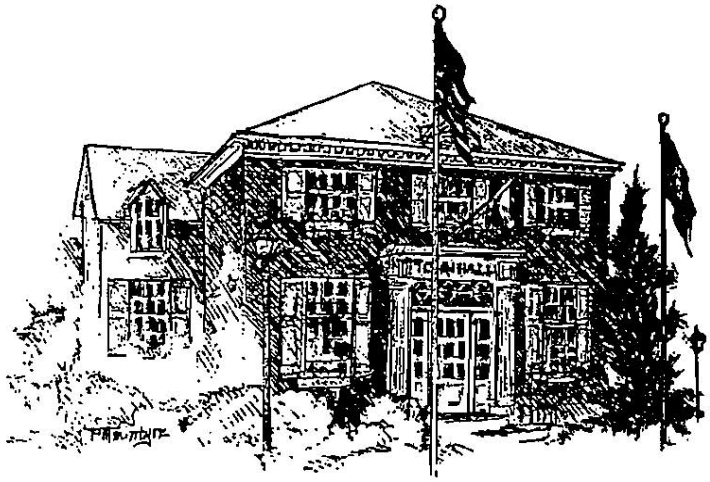


TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA
PROCLAMATION
LGBTQ+ Pride Month
JUNE 2025

The Town of Herndon proudly celebrates the many contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and other LGBTQ+ individuals to the social, cultural, and civic life of our community. LGBTQ+ Americans from all backgrounds, across regions, races, religions, and identities, have long shaped and strengthened our country, often in the face of great adversity. Their stories are woven into the fabric of our neighborhoods, classrooms, businesses, and public service.

Herndon is a town that values inclusion, authenticity, and connection. In 2024, we held our first ever Herndon Pride celebration, affirming our commitment to building a place where everyone can live openly and be seen fully. Herndon elected its first openly LGBTQ+ mayor to carry forward that work alongside a community that continues to lead with compassion and courage. 2025 marks the first time that World Pride will be hosted in the United States, right here in the Washington, D.C. region. This global moment reminds us that Pride is both a celebration and a call to action - for justice, for belonging, and for continued progress.

From the patrons of The Stonewall Inn, to those who serve openly in uniform, to the young people bravely coming out in our schools and families today, Pride honors the resilience, joy, and dignity of the LGBTQ+ community across generations.

Therefore, the Mayor of the Town of Herndon, together with the Herndon Town Council, hereby proclaims June 2025 as **LGBTQ+ Pride Month.** We recognize the discrimination and challenges that still exist, recommit ourselves to building a safer and more inclusive town, and uplift the LGBTQ+ individuals who make Herndon a more vibrant, creative, and compassionate place to live. Furthermore, we encourage everyone to wave flags of Pride, not only in June, but all year long, as symbols of solidarity, hope, and a shared belief that love, dignity, and equality are for all.