

SELECT BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BROOKLINE PROCLAMATION
Recognizing June as LGBTQ Pride Month in the Town of Brookline

WHEREAS, the Town of Brookline has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) community and is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equity for all people in the community; and

WHEREAS, many of the residents, students, town employees, and business owners within the Town of Brookline who contribute to the enrichment of our Town are a part of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning community; and

WHEREAS, various advancements have been made with respect to equitable treatment of lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgendered, and questioning persons throughout the nation, but there continues to be discrimination against people from this community and around the world making it important for municipalities like Brookline to stand up and show support for our residents who are affected; and

WHEREAS, several cities across the United States recognize and celebrate June as LGBTQ Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, June has become a symbolic month in which lesbians, gay men, bisexual people, transgender, questioning persons, and supporters come together in various celebrations of pride; and

WHEREAS, the rainbow flag, also known as the LGBTQ Pride flag or gay pride flag, has been used since the 1970s as a symbol of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning pride and LGBTQ social movements; and

WHEREAS, painting the pride crosswalk at Town Hall further symbolizes the Town's celebration of diversity and support for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning community.

NOW THEREFORE, the Select Board of the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts does hereby proclaim the month of June as LGBTQ Pride month in the Town of Brookline, and invites everyone to reflect on ways we all can live and work together with a commitment to mutual respect and understanding, and further, recognizes Pride Month by painting a Pride Crosswalk outside of Town Hall and Brookline High School.