



Proclamation

2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month 2026

WHEREAS, the month of June is nationally recognized as 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month, honoring the histories, identities, resilience, and contributions of Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex, asexual, and additional diverse identities represented by the “+”; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month commemorates the historic events of June 1969 at the Stonewall Inn, where LGBTQIA+ individuals stood against discrimination, police violence, and systemic injustice, sparking a movement that continues to advance equality, dignity, visibility, and human rights for all people; and

WHEREAS, the term “Two-Spirit” recognizes and honors Indigenous people who embody diverse gender identities and roles within their communities and cultures, reflecting traditions and understandings of gender and identity that existed long before colonization; and the inclusion of “2S” within 2SLGBTQIA+ acknowledges the importance of Indigenous visibility, cultural respect, and inclusion within the broader movement for equality and justice; and

WHEREAS, visionary LGBTQIA+ leaders and movements have shaped the nation and advanced justice, visibility, representation, and equality, with legacies including but not limited to the leadership and advocacy of Harvey Milk, one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States; Bayard Rustin, a key organizer of the Civil Rights Movement and advocate for justice and equality; Audre Lorde, whose work challenged racism, sexism, homophobia, and injustice; James Baldwin, whose writings gave voice to the intersections of race, sexuality, and identity; Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera, whose activism helped ignite and sustain the modern LGBTQIA+ rights movement; and countless community leaders, advocates, artists, and organizers who continue to advance equality and inclusion for future generations; and

WHEREAS, 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals have strengthened every facet of society, including public service, education, healthcare, science, business, arts and culture, advocacy, and civic leadership, while continuing to contribute to the growth, creativity, and well-being of communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, despite significant progress toward equality and recognition, many 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals continue to face discrimination, violence, barriers to healthcare, housing insecurity, social stigma, and attacks on their rights and identities, particularly transgender and non-binary individuals, demonstrating the continued need for advocacy, protection, and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month serves as an opportunity to celebrate resilience, honor those whose lives have been lost to hatred and violence, recognize the ongoing pursuit of equality, and reaffirm a commitment to building communities where all people are valued, respected, supported, and empowered to thrive;

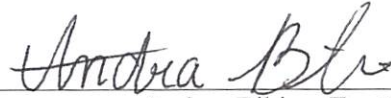
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Joliet Township Government Board hereby recognizes June 2026 as 2SLGBTQIA+ Pride Month and encourages all residents to celebrate the histories, identities, and

contributions of 2SLGBTQIA+ communities, while reflecting on the importance of inclusion, dignity, equality, and unity in strengthening our communities together.

ADOPTED this 23rd day of June of 2026.



Quinn Adamowski, Trustee



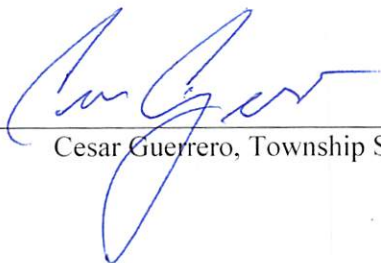
Andrea Bibian, Trustee



Archie Gavin, Trustee



Betty Washington, Trustee



Cesar Guerrero, Township Supervisor

ATTEST:



Kendra Landfair, Township Clerk