

**MOTION: BruMar**

**May 14, 2026  
Regular Meeting  
HRC RES 26-09**

**SECOND: Pratter**

**RE: RESOLUTION TO DECLARE, AFFIRM, AND RECOGNIZE THE MONTH OF JUNE OF 2026 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, OR QUESTIONING (LGBTQ+) AND MORE PRIDE MONTH**

**ACTION: Approved**

**Whereas**, the Commonwealth of Virginia recognizes LGBTQ+ individuals as a protected class, through 'The Virginia Values Act' of 2020.

**Whereas**, the Prince William County Human Rights Commission was established to enforce the Human Rights Ordinance, which prohibits discriminatory practices in employment, housing, public accommodations, education, and credit.

**Whereas**, these protections have been expanded to specifically include sexual orientation and gender identity, ensuring all residents of Prince William County are treated with dignity and equity;

**Whereas**, the LGBTQ+ residents of Prince William County are vital, contributing members of our community who deserve equal legal protection and social recognition;

**Whereas**, LGBTQ+ individuals historically face higher risks of victimization and discrimination due to systemic service gaps resulting from negative public perceptions and past legalized inequities;

**Whereas**, LGBTQ+ individuals experience higher rates of sexual violence than their heterosexual counterparts, Are over represented in homeless youth population, and face disproportional challenges to resources due to fear of discrimination, lack of inclusive services, and the risk of being "Outed" when reporting abuses.

**Whereas**, the month of June is internationally recognized as **Pride Month**, serving as a time to celebrate civil rights history, educate the public on remaining resource gaps, and honor the LGBTQ+ community as valued members of the human family;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Prince William County Human Rights Commission officially affirms and recognizes June 2026 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month. The Commission encourages all residents and visitors of Prince William County to uphold and celebrate the principles of equality, tolerance, and justice for all.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Young, BruMar, Porter, Baldwin, Pratter, Sparkes, Staubly

**Nays:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent from the meeting:** Johnston, Young

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_



Executive Director