

# Township of Nutley

County of Essex, New Jersey

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## THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Hereby Issue this Proclamation on June 17, 2025

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### Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, our nation was founded on the principle of equal rights for all people, but the fulfillment of this nation's 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 group after another from the margins to the mainstream of American Society; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nutley Board of Commissioners welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community, and everyone should be able to live without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence, and hatred, based on race, religion, gender identity, or sexual orientation; and

**WHEREAS**, June 28, 2025, marks the 56th anniversary of the Stonewall uprising in New York City. It is the historic turning point where the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning, and plus (LGBTQ+) citizens rose up and fought against the discriminator, which sparked the gay rights movement; and

**WHEREAS**, in the movement towards civil rights for LGBTQ+ plus people, celebrations have taken place around the country every June to commemorate "Pride Month" and to recognize the advancement of the LGBTQ plus community; and

**WHEREAS**, celebrating Pride Month does raise awareness and provide support and advocacy for the LGBTQ plus community and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances, and build understanding. While there has certainly been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ plus community still continue to face, insensitivity, discrimination, and intolerance; and

**WHEREAS**, we must commit to support and accept LGBTQ plus individuals in particular our youth, who compared to their peers, are more likely to experience, violence and bullying at school, suffer from depression, struggle with substance use, and to have attempted suicide; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, by the Nutley Board of Commissioners in the Township of Nutley, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, hereby proclaim and recognize the month of June as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer/questioning and plus (LGBTQ+) pride month, and we urge all residence to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty, and we remind the LGBTQ+ community that they are loved and cherished and seen for who they are, deserving of dignity, respect, and support throughout our Town.