

Proclamation
Gay Pride Celebration Month
June 2021

WHEREAS Sioux Lookout has a long and proud tradition of embracing diversity in all its forms – cultural, social, and ethnic; and

WHEREAS the community of Sioux Lookout is immeasurably enriched by the diversity of our people, including those members of the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer + (2SLGBTQ+) communities; and

WHEREAS Pride events across Canada and around the world are necessary to show community support and belonging for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and families, and 2SLGBTQ+-identifying youth in particular; and

WHEREAS Acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of 2SLGBTQ+ people and families; and

WHEREAS The global pandemic has increased the isolation, anxiety, and insecurity of some of society's most vulnerable citizens, including 2SLGBTQ+ people and youth; and

WHEREAS Sioux Lookout Pride is a local group of volunteers that has planned virtual celebrations for the month of June;

**NOW
THEREFORE** I, Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, do hereby proclaim **June** as **Gay Pride Celebration Month** and encourage all residents regardless of sexual orientation, to celebrate together in recognition of the rainbow of diversity with which our 2SLGBTQ+ community contributes to Sioux Lookout.



Signed:

Doug Lawrance, Mayor
Municipality of Sioux Lookout