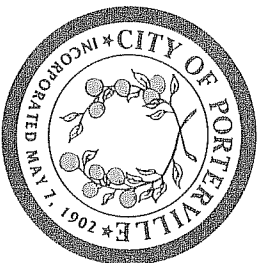


City of Porterville



Proclamation

WHEREAS: June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month across the United States; and

WHEREAS: Porterville has a diverse LGBT community, which includes individuals from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS: The LGBT community in Porterville has organized dinners, and other activities to celebrate Pride throughout the year; and

WHEREAS: LGBT youth are four times more likely to attempt suicide than their straight peers, and more than 1/3 of LGBT youths have attempted suicide. Nine out of ten LGBT youths report harassment at school, and three-fifths report feeling unsafe at school; and

WHEREAS: High School students in Porterville have organized Gay-Straight Alliances to fight bullying, provide support, and encourage education to combat homophobia; and

WHEREAS: Porterville College has an organized PC Pride Club to fight bullying, provide support, and encourage education to combat homophobia; and

WHEREAS: Being "out" is the most important action members of the LGBT community can engage in to provide role models, and support to young people who may be struggling with their sexual orientation.

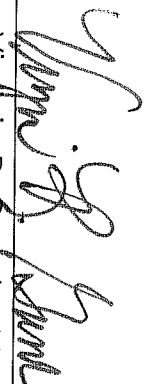
NOW, THEREFORE, I, VIRGINIA R. GURROLA, Mayor of the City of Porterville, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2013, as-

"LGBT PRIDE MONTH"

In the city of Porterville, and commend the LGBT Community for helping to raise awareness in our community.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of June, 2013.




Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor