



CHESTERMERE

From the Office of the Mayor

Proclamation **Pride Month** **June 1st -30th 2021**

Chestermere welcomes people of all sexual orientations, gender expressions and identities to share in this celebration.

Together we celebrate our humanity in all its diversity. In acknowledging our diversity in sexuality and gender, we must also acknowledge our human connection. We all have the same human needs, the need to feel valued, accepted, safe and loved.

WHEREAS: In 1970, the first pride event, called the Christopher Street Liberation Day (CSLD) March, was organized to commemorate the anniversary of the Stonewall riots in New York; a demonstration spearheaded by Marsha P. Johnson, a transgender woman of colour, and

WHEREAS: pride events improve the visibility, acceptance and legal protections for LGBTQ2S+ peoples living in communities; LGBTQ2S+ is a shortened acronym meaning lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and Two-spirit. The longer acronym includes numerous other gender identities and sexualities. Two-spirit is an Indigenous identity that holds significant spiritual and cultural importance in numerous Indigenous cultures; for each Indigenous community, Two-spirit has a different definition and holds an important place in their culture. What is important to know is that it is an identity that transcends the binary genders of feminine and masculine. And

WHEREAS: The rainbow flag, known as the Pride flag, is an umbrella symbol of this gender and sexuality diverse community, flown in recognition of each unique member of this minority. Each colour of the rainbow represents a virtue of the LGBTQ2S+ community; the original flag being designed by gay activist Gilbert Baker. The second flag represents the transgender community and consists of five horizontal stripes: two light blue, two pink, and one white in the center. These colours symbolize masculine, feminine, and non-binary gender identities that are represented in the transgender community, and

WHEREAS: the city of Chestermere is an inclusive community which celebrates and welcomes diversity; and recognizes the struggles of intersectional members of the queer community that also identify as racialized and

WHEREAS: The City of Chestermere pride month, will strengthen our community and bring us closer together, fostering new relationships, understandings, and a





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new and equal level of appreciation for each other.

WHEREAS:

We, are proud to be the reflection of our community and our diversity.

NOW

THEREFORE,

I,

Marshall Chalmers, Mayor of the City of Chestermere, do hereby proclaim the month of June 1st- 30th as Pride Month in Chestermere

Dated this 28th day of May, 2021

Deputy Mayor Michelle Young

