



PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS:** The Andover Select Board recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2021 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month throughout Andover; and

**WHEREAS:** Andover recognizes that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our town; and

**WHEREAS:** Andover is committed to supporting visibility, dignity and equality for LGBTQ+ people in our diverse community; and

**WHEREAS:** Celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Andover's LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, eliminate prejudice and advance equal rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE:** We, the Town of Andover Select Board hereby issue this Proclamation and declares June 2021 LGBTQ+ Pride Month in the Town of Andover and urge all residents to take part in this observance.

*IN WITNESS WHEREOF*, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Town of Andover to be affixed this seventeenth day of May in the year two thousand twenty-one.

Annie Gilbert, Chair

Christian C. Huntress, Vice-Chair

Alexander J. Vispoli, Clerk

Laura M. Gregory, Member

Richard T. Howe, Member