



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

LORI E. LIGHTFOOT
MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) communities of Chicagoland are an integral part of the vibrant culture and climate of Chicagoland; and

WHEREAS, the diverse LGBTQ community continues to contribute to the widespread academic, economic, artistic and social spheres within and around our greater community; and

WHEREAS, the month of June was designated *Pride Month* to commemorate the Stonewall Riots which occurred in June 1969 and are generally recognized as the catalyst of the LGBTQ rights movement; and

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ communities of Chicago have thoughtfully organized numerous workshops, sporting events, receptions, festival, concerts, plays, dances, and a host of other inspired activities to participate in during the celebration of *Pride Month*; and

WHEREAS, one of the most historic and highly anticipated events – the 50th Annual Pride Parade – will take place on Sunday, June 30, 2019 bringing together an estimated one million people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chicago remains committed to protecting the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities as the power and purpose of this iconic event proves vital in our unified effort to forge a more open and just society; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's active and involved Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities make an indelible impact upon the quality of life in Chicago, and *Pride Month* serves as a call to our collective consciousness to persist in the fight to eradicate prejudice and discrimination everywhere:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LORI E. LIGHTFOOT, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, do hereby proclaim June 2019 to be PRIDE MONTH IN CHICAGO and encourage all Chicagoans to recognize the enduring efforts and ongoing contributions of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer communities within our city and to our country.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori E. Lightfoot".

Mayor