

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JUNE 2023 AS LGBTQIA2S+ PRIDE MONTH IN STEAMBOAT SPRINGS,
COLORADO**

WHEREAS, recognizing our collective commitment to embracing and furthering diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout our community we support all rights and freedoms for those individuals identifying as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, and Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA2S+); and

WHEREAS, the city recognizes that LGBTQIA2S+ individuals have an immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic, social, and economic successes of Steamboat Springs and communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for people of all ages, all walks of life, and all ethnic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, it is important to not only celebrate the role of LGBTQIA2S+ in achieving a society that supports equity, diversity and inclusion, it is essential to acknowledge the need for increased education and awareness as a vital tool to end discrimination and prejudice LGBTQIA2S+ communities both locally and nationally continue to face; and

WHEREAS, the City of Steamboat Springs works with individuals, groups, and organizations to ensure all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights so that all people should be able to live in peace and safety without fear of prejudice, discrimination, violence or hatred that is based on differences of race, ethnicity, religion, age, gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Steamboat Springs and its partners in diversity, equity and inclusion with government agencies, non-profit organizations, private businesses, and individuals stand in solidarity together with Yampa Valley Pride and Leadership Steamboat's Paint the Town with Pride to support all fundamental societal changes that benefit the rights and freedoms for LGBTQIA2S+ individuals and communities, which ultimately ensures positive and enduring change for our City, Routt County, the State of Colorado, and our Nation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, *that the Steamboat Springs City Council joins with its partners to proclaim that the month of June 2023 is hereby declared LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month.*

ADOPTED THIS 6th Day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Julie Franklin, CMC
City Clerk

Robin Crossan, President
Steamboat Springs City Council