PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the struggle for dignity and equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning (LGBTQ+) people is reflected in the tireless dedication of advocates and allies who strive to forge a more inclusive society; and

WHEREAS, June 29, 2024, marks the fifty-fifth anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising which broke out following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, targeting LGBTQ+ patrons and other marginalized people, in violation of their civil rights, leading to the birth of the "Gay Rights" Movement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland Park proudly supports efforts for a more inclusive society and has pioneered the way in South Florida and all of Florida by being one of the first cities to provide its employees with domestic partner benefits recognizing the diversity of family configurations and relationships inclusive of the LGBTQ+ Community, have long included LGBTQ+ elected members committed to enhance City efforts of Inclusion, Equity and Diversity by proudly installing city wide diversity signs, and earned a perfect score of 100 on the 2023 Human Rights Campaign Municipal Equality Index; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the City will host Oakland Park Wonderland Pride - a free community event full of whimsical fun with live entertainment, dancing, interactive games and challenges, food trucks and more.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Commission of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in it by the Charter, does hereby authorize Mayor Mitch Rosenwald to proclaim June 2024 as

LGBTQ+ PRIDE & EQUALITY MONTH

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Oakland Park, Florida, to be affixed this 5th day of June 2024.

	BY:
	MITCH ROSENWALD, MAYOR
ATTEST:	
REN	EE M. SHROUT, CMC, CITY CLERK