

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Woodcliff Lake recognizes that one of its greatest strengths is the diversity of its people; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodcliff Lake has a long-standing tradition of upholding the dignity of the individual, supporting legal equality and fair treatment for all people regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, and ensuring that acts of discrimination and hatred will not be tolerated; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, asexual, aromatic, queer, two-spirit, non-binary, and intersex communities (LGBTQ) contribute to our state's success and strengths in great number of immeasurable ways; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ community continues to be a target of violence, harassment, and discrimination by many and yet continues to thrive through the support of LGBTQ-affirming spaces, agencies, and individual allies; and

**WHEREAS**, many states throughout the nation continue to systemically persecute LGBTQ people by passing anti-LGBTQ legislation targeting LGBTQ families, LGBTQ children, transgender athletes, and LGTBQ students; and

**WHEREAS**, Woodcliff Lake has positioned itself as a safe place for LGBTQ people with expanded protections for all; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Carlos Rendo, Mayor of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, proclaim June 2022 as

### PRIDE MONTH

In Woodcliff Lake, and I encourage all people in our community to join in celebrating diversity and promoting inclusion and equal protection under the law, and I further encourage people to join me in eliminating discriminatory policies and practices toward any culture, race, or group.

Mayor Carlos Rendo

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