



**Town of Amherst
Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month Proclamation**

Councilor Sponsors: Pat De Angelis and Evan Ross

WHEREAS, Amherst is a community that values diversity and inclusion, and is committed to equal rights and opportunities for all its residents; and

WHEREAS, Amherst recognizes the important contributions of its LGBTQ residents to the Town's history, culture, economy, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, we celebrate the accomplishments of the LGBTQ community towards securing important rights and freedoms, often through struggle and adversity; and

WHEREAS, we recognize that queer and trans people of color have been and remain at the forefront of that struggle for those rights; and

WHEREAS, we remain vigilant against continued oppression and discrimination against the LGBTQ community, especially our trans community, and against any new political efforts to overturn these accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for our LGBTQ residents and stand with them to protect their civil rights and ability to live openly without fear.

NOW, THEREFORE, we the Amherst Town Council do hereby proclaim June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month, encourage all residents to celebrate our proud and diverse LGBTQ community, and recognize this proclamation by raising the Pride flag on the UN flagpole from June 1 to June 30, 2021.

Voted this 24th day of May 2021.

Lynn Griesemer,
Town Council President