



## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Lyons Board of Trustees and staff have committed to make Lyons an inclusive and welcoming community for all, including the LGBTQ+ community; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Supreme Court ruled in June 2015 that same-sex couples can marry nationwide, establishing a new civil right in our country; and

**WHEREAS**, former president Barack Obama designated the first national monument to LGBTQ+ rights in June 2016, honoring the LGBTQ+ community's long-term presence and struggle for equality across our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of the Lyons community, including those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, intersex and asexual have the right to feel safe, not be discriminated against and to live without the threat of harassment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town has added protections for LGBTQ+ individuals and families, including partner health benefits and an inclusive employee nondiscrimination policy; and

**WHEREAS**, supporting Lyons' LGBTQ+ community also aligns with the Town's strategic objective to co-create a more inclusive and equitable community that promotes unity and honors diversity; and

**WHEREAS**, the LGBTQ+ community has made great strides; however, work remains in order to achieve full equality, inclusion, and acceptance.

**WHEREAS**, we as a town have overcome difficult obstacles as a community, resilience, tolerance and acceptance are things we must all practice and teach future generations.

The Town of Lyons affirms its commitment to the promotion and protection of the human rights of LGBTQ+ residents in the community and urges all resident to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Nicholas Angelo, Mayor of the Town of Lyons, do hereby declare the month of June 2021 as

### LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Lyons this 17th day of May, A.D. 2021.

ATTEST:

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Nicholas Angelo, Mayor

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Dolores Vasquez, Town Clerk, CMC