

CITY OF KINSTON

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

LGBTQ+ MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Kinston supports the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, the City honors the history of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Queer (LGBTQ+) liberation movement and recognizes the LGBTQ+ individuals have had immeasurable impact to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our city and nation; and

WHEREAS, the nation was founded on the principle that every individual has infinite dignity and worth, and the City of Kinston City Council calls upon community members to embrace this principle and work to eliminate prejudice everywhere it exists; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month began as a protest against profiling and violence against LGBTQ+ people, who continue to face intense struggles to this day; and

WHEREAS, human beings deserve not merely the tools for survival but also the opportunity to pursue joy. Pride Month is a cornerstone of American culture that allows us to lift up our successes while working toward a better, more inclusive, and equitable future; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people have historically struggled to find others like themselves in media and their community, and Pride Month serves as a crucial time of visibility and community; and

WHEREAS, recognizing and celebrating Pride Month influences awareness and provides opportunities to engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, recognition from one's government is crucial for feeling safe in one's community, and the City of Kinston is committed to ensuring that everyone in Kinston feels welcome, safe, and a sense of belonging; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Kinston hereby proclaims the month of June 2025 as Pride Month in Kinston in support of the LGBTQ+ community. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Kinston to be affixed this 3rd day of June 2025.

A blue ink signature of Mayor Don Hardy, which is a stylized, cursive script.

Mayor Don Hardy

