

**TOWNSHIP OF ROCKAWAY
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Township of Rockaway takes pride in and celebrates the diversity of the residents who make up our community; and

WHEREAS, Township of Rockaway is a welcoming and inclusive community for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and couples in which to live and raise a family; and


WHEREAS, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer residents have made important contributions to improving the quality of life in Rockaway Township; and

WHEREAS, throughout our country's history lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people have faced prejudice and discrimination, for example since 1974 there have been more than 200 anti-gay state ballot initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the promise of America is that all people should be able to live with dignity and have equal rights under the law, including marriage equality; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Puzio, Mayor of Rockaway Township, do hereby proclaim June 2020 as LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER and QUEER PRIDE MONTH in the Township of Rockaway, and call upon the residents of our community to celebrate the great diversity of Rockaway Township, and work together to break down the walls of discrimination and intolerance and promote full equal rights for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd day of June 2020.


MAYOR MICHAEL PUZIO
June 2020

