



## VILLAGE OF BOYS TOWN

### *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Boys Town cherishes the value and dignity of each person and appreciates the importance of equality and freedom; and

**WHEREAS**, all are welcome in the Village of Boys Town to live, work, play, and every family, in any shape, deserves a place to call home where they are safe, happy, and supported by friends and neighbors; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Boys Town has a diverse LGBTQ+ community that includes people of all ethnicities, religions and professions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Boys Town denounces prejudice and unfair discrimination based on age, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, or physical attributes as an affront to our fundamental principles; and

**WHEREAS**, we must acknowledge that the LGBTQ+ community has faced and continues to face systematic discrimination including restricted rights, social stigma, challenges accessing healthcare and other basic social services, and startling rates of violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Pride month began in June of 1969 on the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising in New York City after LGBTQ+ and allied friends rose up and fought against the constant police harassment and discriminatory laws that have since been declared unconstitutional; and

**WHEREAS**, the Village of Boys Town appreciates the cultural, civic, and economic contributions of the LGBTQ+ community which strengthen our social welfare; and

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative that young people in our community, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, and expression, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers and community leaders; and

**WHEREAS**, despite being marginalized, LGBTQ+ people continue to celebrate authenticity, acceptance, and love.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE PROCLAIMED** by JJ Ill, Enterprise Business Systems Analyst and incoming President of PRISM, for the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, that June is

### **"LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH"**

In the Village of Boys Town, Nebraska, we encourage all citizens to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ+ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, liberty, and justice. The Village of Boys Town urges all citizens to respect and honor our diverse community and celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance.

Duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023.

  
JJ Ill for the Village of Boys Town