

Town of Hingham, Massachusetts

Lesbian Gay Bi Trans Queer or Questioning Plus (LGBTQ+) Pride Month Proclamation

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

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

Whereas, June 28, 2025 marks the 56th anniversary of the Stonewall Riots, an event that gave rise to the beginning of the Gay Rights Movement in the United States; and

Whereas, June is now recognized across the country and in the Commonwealth as Pride Month; and

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

Whereas, we remain vigilant against continued oppression and discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community, and against any new political efforts to overturn these accomplishments; and

Whereas, we affirm our support for our LGBTQ+ residents, including our students and our employees, vendors, and visitors and stand with them to protect their civil rights and ability to live openly without fear; and

Whereas, we congratulate the members of the Hingham Pride Project for their efforts to increase LGBTQ+ visibility and to support LGBTQ+ citizens, particularly our LGBTQ+ youth, through the distribution of thousands of Pride flags to individuals, families, and organizations throughout Hingham; and

Whereas, we acknowledge the important efforts of the Hingham School Committee, the School Department leadership, teachers and staff to support our LGBTQ+ students and to help all students meet core educational competencies that prioritize social-emotional learning, health and safety and respect for others;

Now, therefore we William C. Ramsey, Elizabeth F. Klein, and Julie M. Strehle Select Board of Hingham, do hereby proclaim June 2025 to be

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Intersex Pride Month

Signed this tenth day of June 2025.

William C. Ramsey

William C. Ramsey, Chair

Elizabeth F. Klein

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Julie M. Strehle

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