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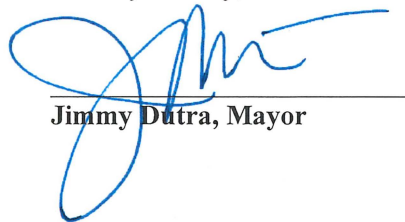
Pajaro Valley Pride

May 28, 2021

- WHEREAS,** June is nationally recognized as LGBTQIA+ Pride Month, in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, New York that sparked the LGBTQIA+ rights movement and inspired Pride celebrations worldwide; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Pride was founded in 2015 by a group of predominantly local Latinx community members, drawing inspiration from bisexual and transsexual activists Marsha P. Johnson and Sylvia Rivera; and
- WHEREAS,** Marsha and Sylvia paved the way for future generations by challenging institutional and societal bigotry displayed towards this beloved group of people; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Pride is dedicated to building community through social networking, education and service work as well as creating welcoming spaces where LGBTQIA+ residents and their allies can flourish; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Pride is committed to enriching youth LGBTQIA+ activists' lives and supporting their academic goals by providing annual scholarships for local high school seniors; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2020, Pajaro Valley Pride, unhindered by the COVID-19 pandemic, collaborated with other regional Prides to hold a virtual celebration as a demonstration of resilience and determination; and
- WHEREAS,** Pajaro Valley Pride has been steadily working to qualify as a 501(c)3 charitable organization and continue their work with and for LGBTQIA+ persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jimmy Dutra, Mayor of the City of Watsonville, in the State of California, on behalf of the City Council hereby recognize Pajaro Valley Pride for their ongoing efforts in diversifying and ensuring equitable social justice for all members of the community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Watsonville to be affixed this 28th day of May, Two thousand and twenty one.



Jimmy Dutra, Mayor



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