

# CITY OF HYATTSVILLE

## PROCLAMATION

**CELEBRATING OCTOBER 2023 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX AND ASEXUAL + (LGBTQIA+) HISTORY MONTH IN THE CITY OF HYATTSVILLE**

This proclamation celebrates the wide array of contributions that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) residents have made to our society and to the City of Hyattsville.

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQIA+ History Month celebrates and commemorates those who fought for equal rights for the LGBTQIA+ community; and is a means of educating others, promoting a culture of acceptance and inclusivity, and advancing equality for all; and

**WHEREAS**, October holds historical significance for the LGBTQIA+ community. The first LGBT National March on Washington occurred in October 1979 to urge Congress to pass protective civil rights legislation. Spirit Day is held on the third Thursday in October to speak out against LGBTQIA+ bullying and stand with LGBTQIA+ youth, who disproportionately face bullying and harassment because of their identities. Additionally, National Coming Out Day is observed annually on October 11 to celebrate coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer; and

**WHEREAS**, increasing visibility, raising awareness, and teaching LGBTQIA+ history fosters a welcoming environment where LGBTQIA+ people are treated with dignity and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, it is essential to continue raising awareness of LGBTQIA+ issues, fostering understanding, and working towards the realization of a society where all individuals are valued, celebrated, and free to live authentically.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hyattsville recognizes Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, and Asexual + History Month during October of 2023.

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**Robert Croslin**  
*Mayor, City of Hyattsville*

October 16, 2023

