## **RESOLUTION NO. 2021-75**

## A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT OF LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, Radnor Township welcomes and encourages diversity and inclusion within our community; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month is celebrated annually in the month of June to honor the Stonewall Riots in New York City, which marked a pivotal point for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer/Questioning, Plus (LGBTQ+) rights in the United States; and

WHEREAS, celebrating Pride Month raises awareness and provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and is an opportunity to become educated, engage in dialogue, strengthen alliances and build understanding; and

*WHEREAS*, while there has been remarkable progress towards acceptance and equality, members of the LGBTQ+ community continue to face discrimination, intolerance, and hate; and

**WHEREAS**, we must commit to supporting and accepting LGBTQ+ individuals, in particular our youth, who compared to their peers are far more likely to experience violence and bullying at school; to suffer from depression; to struggle with substance use; and to have attempted suicide; and

**WHEREAS**, by protecting the rights of every individual, we enhance and strengthen the value of everyone throughout our entire society; and

WHEREAS, we affirm our support for LGBTQ+ residents in our community and stand with them to protect their civil rights and their ability to live openly, equally and without fear; and

*NOW, THEREFORE*, *BE IT RESOLVED*, by the Board of Commissioners on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021, that Radnor Township recognizes and supports the month of June 2021 as LGBTQ+ "Pride Month;" and we urge all residents to celebrate and build a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance – during this month and every month.

**RADNOR TOWNSHIP** 

Jack Larkin, President

ATTEST:

William White, Township Secretary