

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY DIRECTING THAT THE LGBTQIA+ PROGRESS PRIDE FLAG BE FLOWN FROM JUNE 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 IN RECOGNITION OF PRIDE MONTH PURSUANT TO THE CITY HALL FLAG DISPLAY POLICY

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, historically the City has flown the United States Flag, the California State Flag, and a Flag displaying the City's Seal on the three-pronged flagpole at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, display of flags at City-owned sites is governed by the Foster City Flag Protocol policy, but this policy does not specifically enumerate which flags are to be flown; and

WHEREAS, the United States Flag, California State Flag, and City Seal flags are to be regularly flown outside City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the City Hall Flag poles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression for the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Hall Flag Display Policy established the process by which the City Council may direct, by resolution, that alternative flags be displayed on the flagpole at City Hall, in addition to the flags of the United States of America, State Flag, and City Flag; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the City Hall Flag Display Policy on June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City Council may retain control over the messages conveyed on the City Hall Flag poles through the City Hall Flag Display Policy and may express its own viewpoint by choosing which alternative flags, if any, are displayed; and

WHEREAS, at the May 15, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting, the City Council adopted a resolution directing that the LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag be flown throughout the month of June in recognition of Pride Month pursuant to the City Hall Flag Display Policy; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2024, the City of Foster City received a request from the San Mateo County LGBTQIA+ Commission to recognize June 2024 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month," and specifies that the LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag be flown during Pride Month; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to express its own message of support for the LGBTQIA+ community and join the County of San Mateo to observe Pride Month with the raising of a Progress Pride Flag to honor the history of the LGBTQIA+ liberation movement and to support the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City does hereby incorporate the foregoing recitals herein as true and correct.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby directs that the LGBTQIA+ Progress Pride Flag be flown beginning June 1, 2024 and continuing through June 30, 2024 on the flagpole at City Hall in addition to the regularly flown flags pursuant to the City Hall Flag Display Policy.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at the regular meeting held on the 20th day of May, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PATRICK SULLIVAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

PRISCILLA SCHAUS, CITY CLERK