



Santa Fe County Proclamation

PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 AS “LGBTQIA+ PRIDE MONTH: RESILIENCE – STRONGER THAN EVER”

Introduced by: Commissioner Lisa Cacari Stone and Justin S. Greene

WHEREAS, our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex and Asexual (LGBTQIA+) communities of Santa Fe are an integral part of our vibrant culture and climate; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe’s history is deeply rooted in the rich traditions of multicultural communities whose understandings of gender and sexuality have long reflected a fluid and inclusive spectrum, predating modern constructs and affirming diverse identities through cultural, spiritual, and social practices; and

WHEREAS, our diverse LGBTQIA+ community continues to make valuable contributions in academic, economic, artistic, cultural, political and social spheres within and around our community; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize and address the systematic social and political discrimination faced by the LGBTQIA+ community, including limited rights, social stigma, barriers to healthcare and essential services, and alarming high rates of violence and hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, in the face of rising national and global hate, violence, and policies that seek to erase or harm LGBTQIA+ individuals, PRIDE Month in Santa Fe is not simply a celebration, but a living call to action to protect, uplift, and recommit to the ongoing struggle for human rights, equity, and safety for all people, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe and the State of New Mexico have long been a beacon for human rights, having enacted progressive policies that support the dignity, equality and resiliency of LGBTQIA+ individuals, and continues to be shaped by a community that values acceptance, justice, and belonging for all. These policies include but are not limited to the following:

- **Expansion of the Human Rights Act (2003 & 2023)**, including sexual orientation and gender identity in the Human Rights Act that was further expanded in 2023 through House Bill 207 and clarifies anti-discrimination protections.
- **Prohibition of Conversion Therapy (2017, SB 121)** banning conversion therapy practices on minors, safeguarding LGBTQIA+ youth from harmful and discredited treatments.
- **Abolition of the Gay and Trans Panic Defense (2022, Omnibus Crime Bill)**: An omnibus eliminating the use of the “gay panic” and “trans panic” defenses in criminal cases, ensuring that victims’ identities cannot be used to justify violent acts.
- **Legalization of Same-Sex Marriage (2013, NM Supreme Court Ruling)**: Ruling of marriage equality, making New Mexico the 17th state to legalize same-sex marriage.
- **Recognition of Non-Binary Gender Markers (2019 Law)** allowing individuals to select a non-binary “X” gender marker on birth certificates and state IDs, acknowledging and validating non-binary identities.
- **Safe Schools for All Students Act (2019 Law)** mandating that schools implement anti-bullying policies inclusive of sexual orientation and gender identity, fostering safer educational environments for LGBTQIA+ students.
- **Gender-Neutral Restroom Requirement (2019)** requiring single-occupancy restrooms in public places to be designated as gender-neutral, promoting inclusivity and accessibility.
- **Reproductive and Gender-Affirming Healthcare Protections (2023, HB 7)** prohibiting public bodies from discriminating against individuals seeking reproductive or gender-affirming healthcare.
- **Shield Law for Healthcare Providers and Patients (2023, SB 13)** providing legal protections for healthcare providers and patients involved in reproductive and gender-affirming care; and



WHEREAS, Santa Fe County remains committed to “non-discriminatory” policies and practices and to safeguarding the civil rights of LGBTQIA+ persons, recognizing the crucial role of brave leadership, champion organizations and social movements in assuring inclusive policies including but not limited to: LGBTQIA+ Elected Officials and allied leaders, Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), NM Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network (NMGSAN) – The Mountain Center, Casa Q, Two-Spirit Recognition and Advocacy, Equality New Mexico (EQNM), Human Rights Alliance (HRA), Transgender Resource Center of New Mexico’ and City of Santa Fe’s Inclusive Policies; and

WHEREAS, the observance of June as a PRIDE Month is a dynamic and continuous reminder of our collective responsibility to defend the civil liberties and human dignity of LGBTQIA+ residents and to ensure that Santa Fe remains a safe, affirming, and welcoming home for all; and

WHEREAS, in celebration for diversity and continued protection of human rights for all, the LGBTQIA+ communities and allies of Santa Fe have thoughtfully organized a variety of receptions, festivals, concerts, educational events, walking tours, and other activities to promote resilience and belonging for all during *Pride Month* including *Pride Santa Fe* on June 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the active and engaged LGBTQIA+ communities of Santa Fe have an enduring impact on the quality of life in our city and county, and *Pride Month* serves as a reminder to us all to persist in the ongoing fight against prejudice and discrimination, wherever it may exist.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE, THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 AS:

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APPROVED, ADOPTED, AND PASSED ON THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2025.

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