

# Proclamation

## Recognition of LGBTQ+ History Month

**WHEREAS**, in October 1994, Rodney Wilson of Missouri, an educator, recognized the need to teach and celebrate the contributions of gay and lesbian Americans, leading to the first LGBTQ+ history month; and

**WHEREAS**, October 11<sup>th</sup> was National Coming Out Day when our brave, bold, world-changing citizens affirm or reaffirm their right to love whomever their heart so chooses; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, New Jersey became the second state to recognize the importance of educating its youth through the implementation of an LGBTQ+ curriculum in grades five through twelve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Maplewood believes that diversity adds to the wealth of opinions, expressions, and culture in our town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Committee is deeply committed to creating a community where, whether you are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, gender non-confirming, any and all genders or sexualities that need to hear you belong, the Township Committee of Maplewood is here to tell you just that.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** I, Mayor Dean Dafis and the Township Committee of the Township of Maplewood, in the County of Essex, State of New Jersey, that the Month of October in the year 2022 be known as LGBTQ+ History Month in the Township of Maplewood. Accordingly, I encourage our citizens to join in participating in LGBTQ+ History Month activities.

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Township Clerk

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Mayor