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Proclaiming June 2025 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Pride Month

Background: LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated nationwide in June to celebrate and honor the many contributions to our society made by LGBTQ+ people. Pride Month is held in honor of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in New York when LGBTQ+ members rose up in protest for six days in response to a police raid at the Stonewall Inn, a popular gathering place for the city's LGBTQ+ community. The first Pride march was held on June 28, 1970, to commemorate the one-year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. Over time, various events celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and their contributions were held across the country. These events also raise awareness of the continued ongoing discrimination and barriers to full inclusion and acceptance.

Each year since 2013, this Board has declared June as Pride Month in Fairfax County. It is a celebration of Fairfax County's commitment to promote a culture of inclusiveness and acceptance for all and recognition that the diversity of our residents makes Fairfax County a better community.

Fairfax County's commitment to equality, inclusion, and non-discrimination for LGBTQ+ residents is demonstrated by its One Fairfax policy and its record of high scores on the Human Rights Campaign's Municipal Equality Index (MEI). The MEI rates municipalities on a variety of indicators designed to understand how inclusive municipal laws, policies and services are of LGBTQ+ people who live and work there.

Motion: Therefore, I move that the Board of Supervisors proclaim June 2025 as LBGTQ+ Pride Month in Fairfax County and direct staff to prepare a proclamation recognizing June 2025 as LGBTQ+ Pride Month to be presented to NoVA Prism Center at the June 10, 2025 Board Meeting and to invite members of the LGBTQ+ community to that meeting.