

**CITY OF BARRE, VERMONT  
MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

**LESBIAN, GAY BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER,  
AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PRIDE MONTH**

WHEREAS, the City of Barre is a welcoming community and an exceptional place to live, learn, work, play, and raise a family; and

WHEREAS, the City of Barre recognizes the importance of equality, equity, and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles that includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and that each shall be accorded the full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, the Barre City Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) community are a vital part of all fields and professions and contribute to a stronger community; and

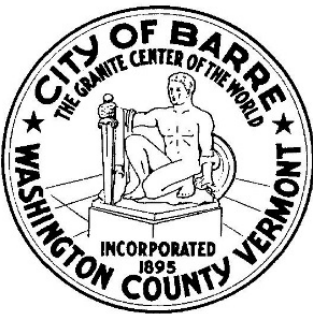
WHEREAS, the City of Barre is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its citizens and preventing discrimination and bullying based on sexual orientation and gender identity; and

WHEREAS, Barre City is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our City; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recognizes that LGBTQ teens are at higher risk to be the victims of violence and have increased suicide rates; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that young people in the community, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity, feel valued, safe, empowered, and supported by their peers, educators, and community leaders.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Lucas J. Herring, Mayor of the City of Barre, Vermont, do hereby proclaim the Month of June 2021, as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month in the City of Barre and urge citizens to recognize the contributions made by members of the LGBTQ community and to actively promote the principles of equality, equity, and liberty.



*Lucas J. Herring*

Lucas J. Herring, Mayor