



# City of Winston-Salem

## Proclamation

### OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem observes the month of June as a time to celebrate our dynamic LGBTQ+ community, raise awareness of services, foster dialogue to promote a more diverse community; and

WHEREAS: In recognition of the City's Non-Discrimination Ordinance passed by the City Council on March 22, 2021, to expand the role of Winston-Salem's Human Relations Commission to support the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom of discrimination; and

WHEREAS: As the City of Arts and Innovation, we accept and welcome people of diverse backgrounds who contribute to the civic, cultural, and economic successes of Winston-Salem; and

WHEREAS: The City of Winston-Salem celebrates its diversity every year during the Pride Winston-Salem Festival & Parade held in the Downtown Arts District on Trade Street. Attendees come from around the state to celebrate and be their true authentic selves within a safe space.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **J. ALLEN JOINES**, Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, do hereby proclaim the month of June 2023 as

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

in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and encourage citizens to support the numerous LGBTQ+ events during Pride Month.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2023.

J. ALLEN JOINES

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Mayor