

## Proclamation June 2023

## **Pride Month**

**Whereas**, every year, cities all around the world celebrate that diversity that strengthens our Town to commemorate and support sexual and gender minorities' liberation; and

Whereas, Pride Month is a positive stance against discrimination and violence toward lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning, two-spirit and (LGBTQ2S+) and additional sexual orientations and gender identities to promote their self-affirmation, dignity, equality rights, increase their visibility as a social group, build community, and celebrate sexual diversity and gender variance; and

**Whereas**, the rainbow flag is the most-recognized LGBTQ2S+ symbol, designed in 1978; and

**Whereas**, Pride Month in Orangeville is an opportunity to prevent discrimination and promote awareness and acceptance of every human person and to promote the development of harmonious relationships amongst all members of the community; and

**Whereas**, we support an inclusive and respectful community where all citizens can live, work and play in a safe and secure environment; and

**Now Therefore,** I, Mayor Lisa Post on behalf of Council, do hereby proclaim **June 2023** as "**Pride Month**" in the Town of Orangeville.

Lisa Post Mayor