



## A PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE AS PRIDE MONTH IN NEW ALBANY

**WHEREAS**, New Albany is home to a diverse and inclusive community; and

**WHEREAS**, individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) include individuals from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ people in the United States have made, and continue to make, vital contributions to the United States and to the world in every aspect, including in the fields of education, law, health, business, science, research, economic development, architecture, law enforcement, healthcare, fashion, sports, government, military, music, film, politics, technology, literature, and civil rights; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 135 S. Ct. 2584, that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry and acknowledged that “[n]o union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family.”; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ people in the United States have fought for equal treatment, dignity, and respect; and

**WHEREAS**, LGBTQ+ people in the United States have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ+ people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor of the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, on behalf of Council and the residents of New Albany, declare June 2022 as **Pride Month** to provide an opportunity for our residents to learn about and celebrate diversity, equality, and inclusion, to celebrate the contributions of the LGBTQ+ community as a whole, and to support LGBTQ+ residents of New Albany.

**WHEREBY**, I set my hand and seal this 17th day of May, 2022.

A green ink signature of Sloan T. Spalding, written in a cursive style, is positioned above a horizontal line. Below the line, the name "Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor" is printed in a black serif font.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor