



**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 are 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 2021 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 18th day of May, 2021.

A handwritten signature in green ink, reading "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor

