



**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*, 576 U.S. 644, that same-sex couples have a fundamental right to marry guaranteed by the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the Constitution, 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 achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations of LGBTQ+ people in the United States will enjoy a more equal and just society; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ people in the United States continue to struggle for equal treatment, dignity, and respect.

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 2023 as **Pride Month** and encourage 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 6th day of June, 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sloan T. Spalding", is written over a horizontal line.

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor