



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

**WHEREAS**, Pride marches were first held in several U.S. cities on June 28, 1970; and Pride Month was first formally recognized on June 11, 1999, when President William J. Clinton issued Proclamation 7203, which was expanded on by President Barak Obama in 2009 declaring June as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month;" and

**WHEREAS**, Pride Month is internationally designated as a time to celebrate the diversity and contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of New Albany is committed to promoting respect, equality, and acceptance for all, and actively works to create a safe and supportive environment for its LGBTQ+ residents, employees and visitors; and

**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, recognize June 2026 as **LGBTQ+ Pride Month**.

**WHEREBY**, I set my hand and seal this 2nd day of June, 2026.

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

Sloan T. Spalding, Mayor