

CONTINUING RECOGNITION OF LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, QUEER, INTERSEX, ALLY/ASEXUAL+ (LGBTQIA+) PRIDE MONTH JUNE 2024

RESOLUTION 24-25

WHEREAS, Yuba Community College District recognizes our community's diversity as one of our greatest strengths and promotes inclusion as a key priority, by celebrating diversity in people, philosophies, cultures, beliefs, and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Yuba Community College District recognizes that Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Ally/Asexual+ (LGBTQIA+) people come from all walks of life including race, ethnicity, religion, ancestry, national origin, economic status, physical or mental ability, medical condition, sex, or gender identity or expression; and

WHEREAS, a growing body of research indicates LGBTQIA+ people of color are adversely affected by cumulative discrimination and social exclusion, including racism from the LGBTQIA+ community, and homophobia and heterosexism within their racial/ethnic community¹; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the American College Health Association found that out of a sample of more than 78,024 undergraduate students, 28% identified as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans, or Questioning²; and

WHEREAS, recent research of college undergraduate students, illustrated that 65% experienced harassing behavior since enrolling in school, 21.5% reported intimate partner violence, and 15.2% reported having been stalked³; and

WHEREAS, the struggle for dignity and equality for LGBTQIA+ people are mirrored in the determined dedication of advocates and allies who strive to create a more inclusive society and kinder community; and

WHEREAS, it has been more than 50 years since the Stonewall Uprising broke out following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn, targeting LGBTQIA+ patrons and other marginalized people, in violation of their civil rights, leading to the birth of the Gay Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA+ Americans, including those who live in our local communities, continue to face marginalization, discrimination, and hatred simply for being who they are and for whom they love; and

WHEREAS, the landmark Supreme Court decision of 2015 guaranteeing marriage equality in all 50 States was a historic victory for LGBTQIA+ Americans and continues to affirm the belief that we are all freer when we are treated as equals; and

WHEREAS, June is a time to celebrate and affirm our LGBTQIA+ community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster dialogue to promote a respectful, healthy, safe, and prosperous college community for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Board of the Yuba Community College District recognizes June 2024 as "LGBTQIA+ Pride Month" and encourage students, faculty, and staff to eliminate prejudice wherever it exists and to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ members of our community.

Dated this 9th day of May 2024

Yuba Community College District

Susan Alves, President Board of Trustees

1 Cyrus, K., 2017; Sutter, M., & Perrin, P. B., 2016; Whitfield, D. L., Jourian, T. J., & Claybren, K. T., 2020

² American College Health Association

³ Association of American Universities, 2019