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**THE CITY OF EASTHAMPTON CELEBRATES NATIONAL PRIDE MONTH**

Early this morning, a rainbow flag was raised at City Hall for National Pride Month. The City does so with deep gratitude to the courageous trail blazers, national and local, as who stepped forward to give voice, make and hold formal space for LGBTQI community members. Their work is a piece of achieving equality under the law for all is duly recognized, along with the costs of speaking up and acting forward have not and do not come without consequences.

In 2018, residents from the LGBTQI community and allies urged the City to formally recognize National Pride Month. Both the Mayor and City Council unanimously recognized June as Pride Month and celebrating Pride Day each June 28<sup>th</sup>, marking the anniversary of the Stonewall Inn Riots recognized as a public catalyst of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer, and Intersex rights movement(s).

A rainbow flag has been used historically as one symbol of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersect pride; to honor and recognize the ongoing struggle for civil rights and equal protection for all. Since June 2018, City of Easthampton proudly flies a rainbow flag in celebration of the community and allies, as part of its ongoing efforts to be a just and inclusive city and welcoming community.