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Mayor Kyriacou Proclaims June as Pride Month in Beacon; Raises Pride Flag at City Hall

BEACON NY—Beacon Mayor Lee Kyriacou issued a proclamation at the Beacon City Council meeting on June 1 declaring June as Pride Month in Beacon. That announcement was followed by a flag raising ceremony in front of City Hall on Saturday, June 6th where Mayor Kyriacou was joined by Councilmember Air Rhodes in speaking, following the raising of a rainbow flag to commemorate the ongoing struggle of LGBTQ+ people for equality and fair treatment.

Mayor Kyriacou stated, “As we celebrate Pride Month in Beacon this year, I am reminded of what makes Beacon a great place to live, which is our capacity to live together as neighbors and to advance together regardless of our differences. This June, the City of Beacon stands together with the LGBTQ+ community with one voice, celebrating everyone’s pride in who they are and who they love.”

Councilmember Air Rhodes said, “It is more important than ever for the City to raise this flag and show unequivocally that we are on the side of love, and welcoming and neighborly behavior.”

The signed proclamation is now hanging in the lobby of City Hall and will be there throughout the month of June.

The Mayor also announced a standing policy of being willing to consider a flag or other appropriate display for any Congressionally recognized commemorative month.

About the City of Beacon:

Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19th and 20th Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21st Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces in the country for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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