



TOWN OF RIDGWAY, COLORADO OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

A Proclamation Supporting the Second Annual Ouray County Pride Celebration

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway is home to people of all ages who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, 2 Spirit and more (LGBTQIA2S+); and

WHEREAS, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway's 2019 Master Plan lists "Community Value 2, Sense of Community and Inclusivity," as one of the five primary values emphasized by the community, and states, "...Looking to the future, residents would like to see Ridgway remain a diverse and inclusive community, not one that is homogeneous and unwelcoming of "others."...; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ridgway strives to encourage, celebrate, and sustain innovation and creativity in our community, including the varied lifestyles of creative individuals who hope to thrive here; and

WHEREAS, the Ridgway Town Council honors the history of the LGBTQIA2S+ liberation movement and supports the rights of all citizens to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, while society at large increasingly supports LGBTQIA2S+ equality, it is essential to acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQIA2S+ people have made immeasurable contributions to the cultural, civic and economic successes of our country; and

WHEREAS, the fabric of our community is strengthened by inclusion, equity, justice and love; and

WHEREAS, celebrating LGBTQIA2S+ Pride influences awareness and provides support and advocacy for Ouray County's LGBTQIA2S+ community, and is an opportunity to increase visibility, take action and engage in dialogue to strengthen alliances, build acceptance and advance equal rights.



NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Ridgway Town Council hereby proclaims its support for the second annual Ouray County Pride Celebration on July 9, 2022, in support of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a pride flag will be raised at the Town Hall on July 9, 2022, in honor of the celebration. This proclamation will be permanently posted in town offices in such a way so all the public can easily view it.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Seal of the Town of Ridgway this 8th day of June 2022.

BY:

ATTEST:

John Clark, Mayor

Pam Kraft, Town Clerk