

**Proclamation**  
**Gay Pride Celebration Month**  
**June 2024**

- WHEREAS** Sioux Lookout has a long and proud tradition of embracing diversity in all its forms – cultural, social, and ethnic; and
- WHEREAS** the community of Sioux Lookout is immeasurably enriched by the diversity of our people, including those members of the Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered, Queer + (2SLGBTQ+) communities; and
- WHEREAS** Pride events across Canada and around the world are necessary to show community support and belonging for 2SLGBTQ+ individuals and families, and 2SLGBTQ+-identifying youth in particular; and
- WHEREAS** Acknowledging and participating in Pride underscores and affirms our respect for the dignity, equality, and visibility of 2SLGBTQ+ people and families; and
- WHEREAS** The global pandemic has increased the isolation, anxiety, and insecurity of some of society's most vulnerable citizens, including 2SLGBTQ+ people and youth; and
- NOW  
THEREFORE** I, Doug Lawrance, Mayor of the Municipality of Sioux Lookout, do hereby proclaim **June** as **Gay Pride Celebration Month** and encourage all residents regardless of sexual orientation, to celebrate together in recognition of the rainbow of diversity with which our 2SLGBTQ+ community contributes to Sioux Lookout.



**Signed:**

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**Doug Lawrance, Mayor**  
**Municipality of Sioux Lookout**