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SUBJECT: Resolution No. 1107 LGBTQ+ Pride Month

DATE: May 18, 2023

PERSON RESPONSIBLE: Ralph Gómez Porras, Superintendent

RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 1107 proclaiming June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

INFORMATION AND BACKGROUND:

June is a time to celebrate our dynamic Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) community, raise awareness of quality services, and foster a dialogue to promote a healthy, safe, and prosperous school climates and communities for all. By recognizing Pride Month, we reaffirm our commitment to support other policies, practices and curricula that honor and respect LGBTQ+ students, staff, their families, and all people in our community including a commitment to research and consider board policy specific to Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming students, and to inspire equity, create alliances, celebrate diversity, and establish safe environments in our schools and communities throughout the county.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Pacific Grove Unified School District
Board of Education
Resolution Number 1107

*Recognizing June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual,
Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month*

WHEREAS, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month is celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall riots in Manhattan, considered by many as the tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Pride Month is to recognize the influence LGBTQ+ people have had around the world and raise awareness of current issues facing the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, following the Stonewall Riots in 1969, the first Pride Parade, also referred to as the “Gay Liberation March” occurred on June 28, 1970 and took place on the streets of New York City; and

WHEREAS, the FAIR Education Act, signed into law on July 14, 2011, went into effect on January 1, 2012, and requires the California history and social studies curriculum to include fair, accurate, inclusive, and respectful references to contributions by members of the LGBTQ+ community; and

WHEREAS, individuals who identify as LGBTQ+ face discrimination simply for being who they are, and in particular LGBTQ+ youth are at increased risk of suicide, homelessness, and becoming victims of bullying and violence; and

WHEREAS, Pacific Grove Unified School District promotes diversity as one of its basic tenets and fosters diversity of students, staff, and curriculum, and PGUSD policies ensure the protection of LGBTQ+ students and staff against harassment, physical violence, or the threat of such; and

WHEREAS, PGUSD recognizes that the most vulnerable members of the LGBTQ+ community are the youth in TK-12 schools and that they need to feel a sense of belonging at every school site; and

WHEREAS, June provides an opportunity for our schools to reflect on the struggles of the LGBTQ+ community in US history and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pacific Grove Unified School District Governing Board of Education proclaims June 2022 as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) Pride Month, encourages all district schools to observe this occasion with appropriate instructional activities, and ask schools to raise their Pride flag in June within PGUSD throughout the month of June to signify support for our Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer (LGBTQ+) community.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Pacific Grove Unified School District this 18th day of May, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: NOES: ABSENT:

Carolyn Swanson, President

Jennifer McNary, Vice President

Elliott Hazen, Board Member

Laura Ottmar, Board Member

Brian Swanson, Board Member

Ralph Gomez Porras, Superintendent