

Borough of Keyport Proclamation

2026 PRIDE MONTH

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport recognizes and proclaims the month of June 2026 as “Pride Month,” and dedicates it to commemorating Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) pride; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ+ individuals have made immeasurable impacts that have strengthened the cultural, civic, and economic successes of our neighborhoods, in this State and country, and around the world; and

WHEREAS, every June Pride Month is annually recognized throughout the State of New Jersey and across the nation, and was first observed as a Pride March in June 1970, one year after the Stonewall riots and subsequent demonstrations in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Pride Month increases awareness and visibility, provides support and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community, and creates opportunities to act and engage in dialogue to establish friendships, strengthen alliances, build acceptance, and advance equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Education and awareness are essential in furtherance of freedom and equality, and Pride Month is an opportunity to strengthen tolerance and acceptance, overcome discrimination and prejudice, and ensure all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights; and

WHEREAS, a Kaleidoscope of colors represent Pride Month, reflecting unity, inclusion, and support for LGBTQ+ people, and the rainbow is an important symbol of LGBTQ+ identity and solidarity; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Keyport observes Pride Month to honor the colorful history of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement and acknowledge the contributions, talents, and creativity of LGBTQ+ people and all people within our diverse community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rose P. Araneo, Mayor of the Borough of Keyport, along with the Borough Council, hereby proclaim June 2026 as Pride Month in Keyport. As the Mayor of the Borough of Keyport, I also call upon the citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools in the Borough of Keyport to commemorate this colorful recognition of the countless contributions of all LGBTQ+ community members who enrich Keyport and make it a vibrant and diverse home, workplace, and destination.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I SET MY HAND
AND SEAL ON THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE, 2026

ROSE P. ARANEO, MAYOR
BOROUGH OF KEYPORT