

Proclamation

By the Mayors of The Cities
Of Champaign and Urbana, Illinois
and the County Executive of Champaign County

WHEREAS, In 1969, an event referred to as the Stonewall Uprising began the national movement and the modern fight for LGBTQ+ rights, which has since spread throughout the world over the past 53 years; and

WHEREAS, In 1971, a group of LGBTQ+ University of Illinois students formed the organization The Gay Liberation Front, now known as the Gender and Sexuality Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Since 1972, the cities of Urbana and Champaign have been at the forefront - both in the State of Illinois and nationwide - of protecting the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals by prohibiting the discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity ; and

WHEREAS, The cities of Champaign and Urbana and the County of Champaign have a rich and diverse history of LGBTQ+ representation in our government leaders, staff and citizens; and

WHEREAS, The Uniting Pride (UP) Center of Champaign County, was founded in 2009 as an organization to advocate for the equality, wellness, advocacy, and visibility of the LGBTQ+ communities in Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, From September 24 through October 2, 2022, Champaign-Urbana's annual Pride Week will host events throughout our community, offering opportunities to learn, engage, and show support for our friends and neighbors.

WHEREAS, The centerpiece of this nine days of social and educational events is the community's participation in the Pride Fest and Parade in Downtown Urbana on Saturday, October 1.

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, Deborah Frank Feinen and Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayors of the cities of Champaign and Urbana, Illinois, and Darlene Kloeppe, Champaign County Executive do hereby proclaim the week of September 24 through October 2, 2022 as

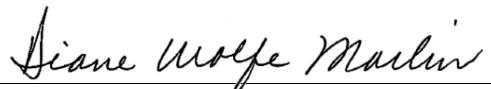
LGBTQ+ Pride Week

In the Cities of Champaign and Urbana, Illinois and the County of Champaign, Illinois

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the Seals of the Cities of Champaign and Urbana and the County of Champaign to be affixed this 23rd day of September, 2022.



Deborah Frank Feinen, MAYOR OF CHAMPAIGN



Diane Wolfe Marlin, MAYOR OF URBANA



Darlene Kloeppe, CHAMPAIGN COUNTY EXECUTIVE