

# Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors Proclamation

HONORING THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF SANTA CRUZ PRIDE

WHEREAS, the modern LGBTQ+ Rights movement was ignited in June 1969 by the Stonewall Riots in New York City, and three years later in June 1972 the first official Pride parades and events were held in major cities across the United States in commemoration of the Riots; and

WHEREAS, Santa Cruz County, widely regarded as one most inclusive and welcoming communities in the nation, held its first Santa Cruz Pride events in June 1975, which were among first Pride events in smaller cities nationwide and the fourth in the state of California; and

WHEREAS, that same month, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution proclaiming June 16-23, 1975, as "Gay Pride Week", and since then, annual Pride events in June have united LGBTQ+ individuals and allies to celebrate the rich and vibrant LGBTQ+ culture across Santa Cruz County and the significant contributions of LGBTQ+ people to the economic, artistic, political and educational wellbeing of our community; and

WHEREAS, the first Santa Cruz Pride sparked the formation of organizations, programs, activities and events that fostered and promoted an inclusive and welcoming environment and increased services for the LGBTQ+ community, including advocating for LGBTQ+ friendly legislation, helping to defeat harmful statewide propositions, supporting same sex marriage when it first became legal in California, and helping to elect openly LGBTQ+ officials; and

WHEREAS, educational entities, businesses and organizations across Santa Cruz County raise the rainbow flag every year in celebration of the LGBTQ+ community and culture, and more than 100 LGBTQ+ people and allies have been celebrated as Santa Cruz Pride Grand Marshals; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has reinforced its support of the LGBTQ+ community in many ways over the years, including by supporting same sex marriage licenses in 2004, and more recently in June 2024 by designating Santa Cruz County as a Transgender and Non-Binary Sanctuary County, and in January 2025 by reaffirming its support of LGBTQ+ people amid discriminatory federal policy initiatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, Monica Martinez, Santa Cruz County Fifth District Supervisor, and Justin Cummings, Santa Cruz County Third District Supervisor, do hereby honor and celebrate the LGBTQ+ community of Santa Cruz County and its allies for reaching the landmark 50th Anniversary of Santa Cruz Pride and encourage all residents to join in celebrating this historic milestone.



  
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*Member, Board of Supervisors*

May 27, 2025

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