

RESOLUTION 21-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY OPEN SPACE AUTHORITY
RECOGNIZING PRIDE MONTH AND COMMITTING TO CREATING SAFE, WELCOMING, AND INCLUSIVE SPACES
FOR ALL**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority (Authority) envisions the Santa Clara Valley as a space for all residents to live, work, learn, and enjoy outdoor experiences in nature; and,

WHEREAS, Pride Month is celebrated annually in June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan, and works to achieve equal justice and equal opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning/queer, intersex (LGBTQI+) Americans; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority strives to lead by example as a government agency working in the Bay Area in the field of environmental conservation to benefit nature and people; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority is committed to connecting people to nature throughout its jurisdiction, both in its open space preserves and in urban open spaces, and this commitment holds true for ALL of its constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority recognizes that marginalized communities including the LGBTQI+ community have historically been, and in certain places still are, made to feel unwelcome in public outdoor spaces including trails, parks, and open space preserves; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority is committed to creating safe outdoor spaces, where each person has the opportunity to enjoy nature and all of its health benefits while also embracing the identities and communities with which they identify; and,

WHEREAS, the Authority strives to create a culture, both internally and with the public, of respect, inclusion and belonging through its communications, programs and through actions taken by staff, its Board of Directors, and its Citizen's Advisory Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, as an agency whose mission includes connecting people to nature, the Open Space Authority recognizes and celebrates the month of June as Pride Month.

Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27^h day of May 2021 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Kalvin Gill, Chairperson
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

William P. Parkin, Legal Counsel

Kellie Guerra, Clerk of the Board