

## PROCLAMATION 2019

### PRIDE MONTH & LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING/QUEER (LGBTQ) SENIOR SAFE, VISIBLE AND CELEBRATED MONTH

WHEREAS, San Leandro is proudly one of the most diverse communities in California and the founding city of the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro's diversity includes many Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning/Queer (LGBTQ) individuals, couples, seniors, and their children and families; and

WHEREAS, many LGBTQ residents and seniors have provided decades of hard work to organize their communities, taking risks and making many sacrifices to pave the way for the civil rights we enjoy today; and

WHEREAS, the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay has been at the forefront in providing advocacy and education to promote broader understanding of diversity in the LGBTQ community, and helping to establish greater safety and services for seniors, youth, and other residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay has served and cared for LGBTQ seniors since 1994 and now celebrates its quarter century "Silver Anniversary" of service this year; and

WHEREAS, the Lavender Seniors have established a policy of collaborating for the betterment and improvement of society by bridging resources to fill unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, San Leandro welcomes and celebrates participation in programs at the Senior Community Center by seniors of all races, orientations, gender identities, disabilities, ages, and national origins.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim June, 2019 as "Pride Month" and "LGBTQ Senior Safe, Visible and Celebrated Month", to honor and recognize the special contributions and challenges faced by LGBTQ residents and seniors throughout the region, and particularly celebrates the Silver Anniversary of the Lavender Seniors of the East Bay for 25 years of public service.