PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon is a friendly and welcoming community that celebrates and promotes diversity and inclusion; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon recognizes the importance of equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon recognizes that our Nation was founded upon the principles that all people are created equal and that each person has the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all its residents and preventing discrimination and mistreatment based on sexual orientation or gender identity; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents; all of which contribute to the vibrant character of our Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchendon recognizes the importance and contributions of members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and more (LGBTQIA+) community.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Select Board on behalf of the Town of Winchendon, hereby proclaim and recognize the month of June as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual and more (LGBTQIA+) Pride Month, and we urge all residents to actively promote the principles of equality and liberty.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have set our hand and caused the seal of the Town of Winchendon Board of Selectmen to be affixed on this 14th day of June, 2021, A.D.

Audrey LaBrie, Ghairwoman

Richard Ward, Vice Chairman

Barbara Anderson, Selectwoman

Amy Salter, Selectwoman

Danielle Lapointe, Selectwoman