

# Proclamation

**Whereas**,

since 1994, the month of October has been dedicated to the celebration of the important role Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning people have taken in creating the social, historical, artistic, legal, and political world we live in today; and

**Whereas**,

October marks historically significant days such as the first march on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights in 1979 and National Coming Out Day; and

**Whereas**,

LGBTQ History Month sends an important message to the nation's teachers, school boards, community leaders, and youth about the vital importance of recognizing and exploring the role of LGBTQ people in American history; and

**Whereas**,

LGBTQ History Month is recognized as an important and effective means of educating and calling to action the citizens of Alameda to work together to fight prejudice and discrimination; and

**Whereas**,

the community's knowledge and understanding of LGBTQ history better enables and supports all individuals and families in pursuit of a dignified and respectable life; and

**Whereas**,

the Oakland Gay Men's Chorus, formerly known as the Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, is the Pride of the East Bay, with singers from throughout the East Bay, including Alameda. Singers include all tenor and bass ranges, gay, straight, transgender and bi-sexual. They began in 1999 and are celebrating their 20th Anniversary Season. They are a more than 50 voice gay men's chorus that performs a wide variety of music, from Classical to Broadway. The Oakland East Bay Gay Men's Chorus is the most active and well-known Gay Arts organization in the Oakland and East Bay region of California. They foster social justice and oppose discrimination through inclusion and education.

**Now, therefore, be it resolved**, that I, Trish Herrera Spencer, Mayor of the City of Alameda, do hereby proclaim October 2018 as

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in the City of Alameda and call on all residents to join me in recognizing the lasting contributions that this community has made in the past, and continues to make, to strengthen the fabric of American society.

Trish Herrera Spencer  
Mayor