

**Motion: Council to recognise Pride Month annually in June with the Progress Pride flag**

The Council is asked to recognise Pride Month as a period of importance for many of the residents of Midlothian, and to symbolise the Council's commitment to the LGBTQI+ community, not only during the designated month of June, but in support throughout the whole year.

The Progress Pride flag, is a pride rainbow flag with an additional chevron design that reflects the colours of the Transgender Flag, while the brown and black stripes represent marginalized people of colour. The black stripe has a dual meaning, it also gives recognition to those lost to HIV/AIDS and those still living with the disease.

As a Council we have a duty to uphold the equality of these marginalised groups and a simple gesture, such as flying this flag, during the month of June will help solidify this pledge to all of our constituents that are part of the LGBTQI+ community.

The national flag mandates for national holidays will still be observed throughout June, but the default flag around these events in June would become the Progress Pride flag.



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