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Health Centres

North Lambton Community Health Centre

Sites in Forest, Kettle Point, Watford (East), and Sarnia (West)

April 30, 2024

Dear Council,

We are writing to express our support for the proposal to officially recognize Pride Month and raise the pride flag across our municipality in June. The North Lambton Community Health Centre and DiversityED believe it is essential for our local government to take proactive steps in demonstrating its support for 2SLGBTQAI+ community.

Raising the pride flag and officially recognizing Pride Month is not merely a symbolic gesture; it sends a powerful message of inclusivity, acceptance, and support to all members of our community. It shows that our municipality is committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels safe, respected, and valued regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

For 2SLGBTQAI+ youth, having Pride Month officially recognized and seeing the pride flag flying high in public spaces can be incredibly meaningful. It lets them know that they are not alone, that they are accepted for who they are, and that they have allies in their community. This visibility can have a profound impact on their health and well-being, reducing feelings of isolation and providing a sense of belonging.

Recognizing Pride Month and raising the pride flag demonstrates that we celebrate the differences that make our community vibrant. By embracing diversity, we create a stronger, more unified society where everyone can thrive.

We are hoping to show the youth in Lambton Shores that their community is a safer space for them to grow up. Therefore, we urge the municipal council to approve the proposal to officially recognize Pride Month and raise the pride flag across our municipality in June. Let us show our 2SLGBTQAI+ youth that they are cherished members of our community and that we stand with them in solidarity. Together, we can create a more inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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