



SMITHS FALLS

RISE AT THE FALLS

PROCLAMATION

**Pride Month
June, 2023**

WHEREAS The Town of Smiths Falls supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; and

WHEREAS all people regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, marital status, genetic characteristics or disability have the right to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; and

WHEREAS The Town of Smiths Falls accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds and believes a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and

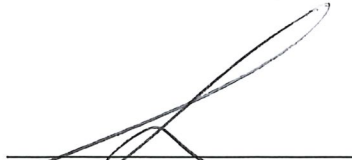
WHEREAS the Two Spirited, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer and + (2SLGBTQ+) communities contribute to the cultural, civic and economic successes of this community; and

WHEREAS while we as a society at large are slowly embracing new definitions of sexuality and gender we must also acknowledge that the need for education and awareness remains vital to end discrimination and prejudice; and

THEREFORE, to acknowledge the efforts to bring awareness to the continuing evolution to the 2SLGBTQ+ Pride movement, The Town of Smiths Falls will display the Rainbow Flag, representing light, healing, sun, calmness, art and spirit, outside of the Memorial Community Centre for the month of June;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, Shawn Pankow, Mayor of the Town of Smiths Falls, do hereby proclaim June 2023 as PRIDE Month in The Town of Smiths Falls, and encourage our residents to reflect on the ongoing struggle for equality members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community face and to celebrate the contributions that enhance our municipality.

May 15, 2023



Shawn Pankow, Mayor