June is PRIDE Month

June 1st to 30st, 2021

- **WHEREAS** the Municipality of Mississippi Mills 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 Municipality of Mississippi Mills 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 the Municipality of Mississippi Mills; 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
- WHEREAS to acknowledge the efforts to bring awareness to the continuing evolution to the 2SLGBTQ+ Pride movement, the Municipality of Mississippi Mills will display the Rainbow Flag, representing light, healing, sun, calmness, art and spirit, in front of the municipal hall for the month of June.

NOW

THEREFORE: Mississippi Mills Council hereby proclaim June 20201as "June is PRIDE Month" in Mississippi Mills, 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.