RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE LGBT PRIDE MONTH AND TO FLY THE RAINBOW FLAG FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

Whereas beginning in the year 2000 the month of June has been recognized nationally as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Pride Month with a purpose to recognize both the contribution of LGBT persons to society and their continued struggle for equality, safety and acceptance, and

WHEREAS, in 2004 Tompkins County passed Local Law No. 1-2004, commonly known as local law C, to protect against discrimination based on gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, and

WHEREAS, in passing this law Tompkins County reaffirmed its commitment and responsibility to act to ensure that all its residents are afforded equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life and ensures that the rights of all residents to make their own choices, follow their own beliefs, and conduct their lives as they see fit are protected, and

Whereas LGBT persons live in and contribute to the quality of life in Caroline, and the Town Board believes that LGBT persons should be regarded as valued members of our community and that they deserve equality, safety and acceptance,

Therefore be it resolved that the Town of Caroline declares the Month of June as LGBT Pride Month and that during this month, the Town will fly the rainbow flag to symbolize our recognition of the contribution of and support for equality, safety and acceptance of LGBT persons w/in our community, and be it

Further be it resolved that this resolution shall be added to the annual organizational meeting resolutions and adopted in years hence.