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Subject: Re: Tonight's meeting re: Proclamations

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Here you go Lynne, thanks!

Here's my two cents:

Pride Month Proclamation Fits Existing Criteria

Town Clerk records Vital Records which include Gender (Births) and Marriages, and they issue Birth Certificates and Marriage Licenses. Gender assignments and marriage rights are central LGBTQIA+ issues, intimately linking Pride to Town business.

Social Services Department has extensive resources for Youth, with a particular focus on Mental Health and Crisis intervention. Due to discrimination, LGBTQIA+ children are at dramatically higher risk of experiencing mental health challenges and of committing suicide. A Pride Proclamation directly combats discrimination, enhancing the work of the Social Services Department.

Best,

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