



TOWNSHIP OF SEVERN

Proclamation

To designate July 27 to August 9, 2020 as **Fierté Simcoe Pride**

WHEREAS This marks the ninth annual Fierté Simcoe Pride, and its purpose is to create a safe and inclusive Simcoe County that supports gender and sexual diversity through services, activities and events; and

WHEREAS The rainbow pride flag is raised to honour gender and sexual diversity in Simcoe County. The rainbow flag was designed by Gilbert Baker in San Francisco in 1978. The flag is a symbol of the pride movement and the advancement of human rights for sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics. The colour red signifies life; orange is healing; yellow is sunlight. Green represents nature. Blue symbolizes serenity, peace and harmony. Finally, purple represents spirit; and

WHEREAS Fierté Simcoe Pride formed on May 13, 2012, and its mission is "to create and offer inclusive events, services, and educational opportunities that rise above heterosexism, heteronormativity and homo/bi/transphobia, promoting safe communities within Simcoe County"; and

WHEREAS Fierté Simcoe Pride is filled with numerous events and activities that focus on education, awareness, community development, creative expression and fun for the whole family. Please visit fiertesimcoepride.com to learn more about Fierté Simcoe Pride and the activities of FSP 2020.

I, Mayor Mike Burkett, on behalf of Township of Severn Council, do hereby proclaim July 27 to August 9, 2020 as Fierté Simcoe Pride in Severn.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Burkett", is written over a large, stylized, light-colored scribble.

Mike Burkett,
Mayor