



### **Statement for World Pride Day 2023**

Diversity Thunder Bay works towards an inclusive, equitable community free of racism and discrimination of any kind.

Diversity Thunder Bay believes that Thunder Bay should be a welcoming and safe place for individuals and groups regardless of “race”, ancestry, place of origin, colour, ethnic origin, citizenship, class, creed, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, education, marital status, source of income, same-sex partnership status, family status or disability.

World Pride Day commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of 1969 and recognizes the years of struggle for civil rights and the ongoing pursuit of equal justice under the law for 2SLGBTQIA+ people.

Over 4 decades later, the struggle continues.

Every member of our community must be able to live their lives free of harassment and discrimination.

With the rise of misinformation, homophobia and transphobia, we encourage every individual and organization to take the time to educate themselves on 2SLGBTQIA+ history, experience and reality and to stand up and speak out against hate in any form, to make Thunder Bay a safe and welcoming place for all.

We must celebrate all of our neighbours and embody the values of respect, inclusivity, diversity and equality.

Diversity Thunder Bay stands with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community.