PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1969 members of the LGBTQ community led an uprising in protest of police brutality during a raid to imprison them for their sexuality, thus beginning the LGBTQ Rights movement,

WHEREAS, in 1994 The American Federation of Teachers and National Education Association joined together to push for educator rights for LGBTQ teachers to be treated equally and protect educators from dismissal based on their sexuality,

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2000 President William Jefferson Clinton, Democrat from the state of Arkansas declared June Gay and Lesbian Pride Month,

WHEREAS, in June 2011, President Barack Hussein Obama, Democrat of the state of Illinois changed the title of the nation's celebration to Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month,

WHEREAS, on June 26 2015, the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that the fundamental right to marry is guaranteed to same sex couples under the Due Process clause and Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution,
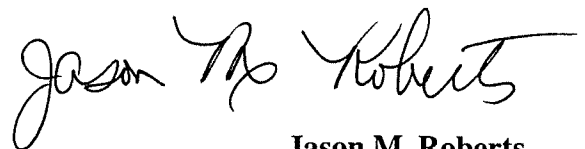
WHEREAS, the Kanas City Federation of Teachers and School Related Personnel welcomes members of all sexual and gender identities as members and is pleased to celebrate the diversity of our membership,

WHEREAS, our community is one of diversity, care, love and acceptance, honoring each other and the individual journeys of each person,

WHEREAS, we have a duty as educators to protect our students in the LGBTQ community, and to welcome them as valued members of our district and classroom,

WHEREAS, the LGBTQ members of KCFT&SRP Local 691, make us stronger as a Federation, as educators and as a district,

NOW, THEREFORE, on this the first day of my Presidency, I JASON M. ROBERTS, do hereby recognize June 2021 as the Federations first official **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month** in the **KANSAS CITY FEDERATION OF TEACHERS AND SCHOOL RELATED PERSONNEL**, and do call this observance in honor of all of our LGBTQ members.

Jason M. Roberts
President of KCFT & SRP Local 691