

HARVEY MILK DAY
MAY 22, 2022

WHEREAS, today we honor the life and legacy of Harvey Milk, a hero who fought for equality and freedom as the first openly gay elected official in California; and

WHEREAS, Time Magazine named Harvey Milk as one of the 100 most influential people of the 20th Century; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was an inspiration to members of the LGBTQ+ community and provided many LGBTQ+ people who thought that they would never have the opportunity to serve in public office with an example that such service was possible; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was not only an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community, but for all minorities. He believed in safe, strong neighborhoods and supported public education, affordable childcare, and equal rights for all; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk was elected to the position of Supervisor in San Francisco where he held office for one year before his life was tragically cut short by an assassin in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk's contributions to the cause of equality for all people has been recognized in a number of ways, including the issuance of a US postage stamp, as the posthumous recipient of a Medal of Freedom award, and as the namesake for a US Navy vessel; and

WHEREAS, Harvey Milk has been quoted as stating that "Hope will never be silent," and members of the LGBTQ+ community—in the USA and around the world— still face discrimination and violence rooted in the same hatred that Milk died from. They deserve hope, and cannot abide our silence.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Fremont, hereby proclaims May 22, 2022 as Harvey Milk Day in the City of Fremont.