



P R O C L A M A T I O N
IN RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL COMING OUT WEEK
OCTOBER 5-9, 2020

Montclair State University is proud to celebrate National Coming Out Week and to recognize the many contributions that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer community has made in our society and community.

The goal of National Coming Out Week is to provide an opportunity for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer people to “come out” to family, friends and others, and to heighten their visibility in order to educate and inform all Americans about the true diversity of the LGBTQ community. By celebrating this diversity and establishing a positive dialogue, we can foster an atmosphere of respect, understanding, and goodwill.

In order to promote good human relations, and because respect for differences is a defining characteristic of a university community and a free and open society, we work toward erasing misperceptions and bigotry by heightening awareness and understanding of this community’s lives and experiences, and work toward accepting differences in people within a framework of mutual respect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan A. Cole, President of Montclair State University, hereby proclaim October 5-9, as **National Coming Out Week**, at Montclair State University, and I encourage our entire campus community join me in celebrating this occasion.

SUSAN A. COLE
October 5, 2020