

# *Proclamation of the 81st Anniversary of D-Day*

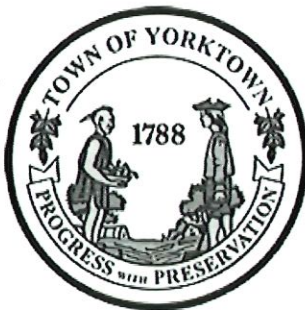
*WHEREAS, June 6, 1944, Allied forces launched Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious invasion in military history, storming the beaches of Normandy, France, to begin the liberation of Europe from Nazi occupation; and*

*WHEREAS, more than 156,000 Allied troops- American, British, Canadian, and others- demonstrated extraordinary courage and determination under relentless fire, with over 4000 making the ultimate sacrifice on that single day; and*

*WHEREAS, the D-Day invasion marked a turning point in World War II, and its success laid the foundation for the Allied victory and the restoration of freedom and democracy across the continent; and*

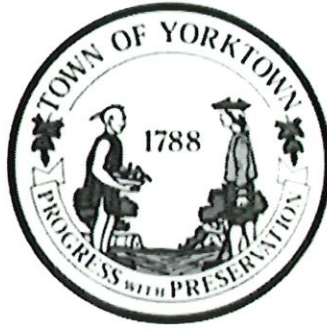
*WHEREAS, the heroism of the "Greatest Generation," including those who fought, supported, and sustained the war effort, remains a timeless example of unity, patriotism, and selfless service. On this 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary, we remember and honor the bravery, sacrifice, and enduring legacy of those who served on D-Day, and we commit ourselves to preserving their memory and the principles for which they fought.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Edward Lachterman, along with the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown, do proclaim that on the 81<sup>ST</sup> Anniversary of D-Day, June 6, 2025, we will pause, reflect, and honor the men and women*



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Edward Lachterman, Town Supervisor  
Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout  
Patrick Murphy, Town Councilmen



## *Proclamation this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025*

***WHEREAS**, our country's flag was created in 1777, when America was still a new idea. Americans flew it during the Revolutionary War as brave troops fought for our country's independence from British rule, representing the resolve and resilience of our Nation's stars and stripes. For people across America, our flag reminds us of our Nation's founding principle. It stands for the sacred idea that we are all created equal and deserve to be treated as such throughout our lives; and*

***WHEREAS**, on Flag Day and during National Flag Week, we honor all that the flag means to the American people and continue working to ensure that America is a land of possibilities for all; and*

***WHEREAS**, throughout history, America's Armed Forces have been sentinels of liberty. By keeping the flame of freedom burning bright, they have made our Nation stronger and the world safer. No matter how dark the night, our flag will always be there, and*

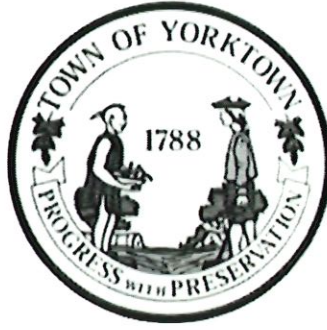
***WHEREAS**, we encourage all Americans to display the flag of the United States at their homes and businesses on Flag Day. We urge citizens to honor the American spirit, celebrate our history and the foundational values we strive to uphold, and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America publicly.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED**, that I, Edward A. Lachterman, along with the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown, suggest we give significant expression to our thoughtful love of America, our comprehension of the great mission of liberty and justice.*

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Edward A. Lachterman, Town Supervisor,  
Councilmembers: Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout,  
Patrick Murphy and Susan Siegel





## *Proclamation this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025*

***WHEREAS**, throughout history, women have been among the patriots who have defended our land and liberty from every enemy. Many women have served in the military, in occupations from pilots to nurses in both peacetime and war. We owe all of them a special debt of gratitude for their part in advancing the promise of freedom, and*

***WHEREAS**, Women were permitted to serve as permanent members of the United States Armed Forces with the enactment of the Armed Services Integration Act of 1948. Still, the federal law restricted women to no more than 2% of the enlisted force for each branch of the United States Armed Forces. A subsequent act in 1967 lifted the restrictions and allowed women to achieve higher military ranks; and*

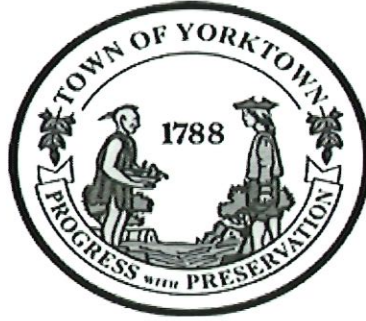
***WHEREAS**, laws passed since the 1970's have formally granted veteran status to women with World War II service, have recognized the many contributions made by women veterans; and have allowed women veterans more equal status and access to benefits, opportunities, and programs from the federal government, state governments, and veteran service organizations; and*

***WHEREAS**, Women continue to enrich our country in civilian life as they bring their skills and patriotism to bear in communities across America. Let us use the "Women Veterans Day" to honor the service, sacrifice, and love of country so gladly given by our women veterans.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that I, Edward A. Lachterman, and the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown, encourage all Americans and government officials at every level to celebrate these women with appropriate ceremonies and activities.*

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Edward A. Lachterman, Town Supervisor,  
Councilmembers: Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout,  
Patrick Murphy and Susan Siegel



## *Proclamation this 3rd day of June 2025*



***WHEREAS,** every June, communities across the nation come together to celebrate Pride Month, honoring the history, diversity, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community while affirming the importance of dignity, equality, and visibility for all people regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall Uprising of June 1969, a pivotal moment in the LGBTQ+ civil rights movement, which continues to inspire progress and advocacy for justice and equal protection under the law; and*

***WHEREAS,** we recognize that the ongoing fight for LGBTQ+ rights is a matter of human rights, and we reaffirm our collective responsibility to create safe, affirming, and inclusive spaces for all individuals; and*

***WHEREAS,** Pride Month is both a celebration of love and authenticity and a call to action to confront inequality wherever it exists, support LGBTQ+ youth, and promote mental health, safety, and a sense of belonging.*

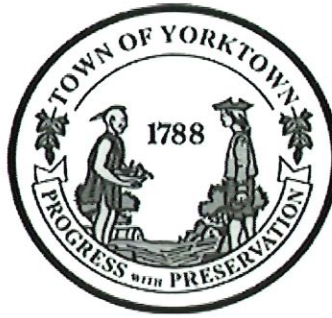
***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Town of Yorktown recognizes and celebrates June as Pride Month; and*

***BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** I, Edward A. Lachterman, and the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown, encourage all residents to reflect on the importance of inclusion, stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community, and continue working toward a future where all people are valued and free to live as their true selves.*

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*Edward A. Lachterman, Supervisor  
Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout,  
Patrick Murphy and Susan Siegel, Councilmembers*





## *Proclamation this 8th day of June, 2025*

*WHEREAS, Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam has worked tirelessly to foster cross-cultural and interracial friendship, understanding, and unity throughout our community; and*

*WHEREAS, founded in 2018 by community leaders Susan Cody and Irene Chenge, Race Amity has become a beacon of hope and dialogue, hosting monthly educational forums, film screenings, and heartfelt discussions that promote inclusiveness, equity, and justice; and*

*WHEREAS, the mission of Race Amity of Northern Westchester and Putnam- to cultivate amicable relationships through communication, collaboration, and celebration- embodies the very spirit of National Race Amity Day and enriches the social fabric of our towns and neighborhoods; and*

*WHEREAS, the annual Race Amity Day Festival in Somers brings together people of all backgrounds to share food, culture, music, and meaningful conversation, reflecting collective commitment to healing and understanding*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Edward A. Lachterman, along with the Town Board of the Town of Yorktown, hereby recognize and commend Race Amity of Northern Westchester & Putnam for its outstanding leadership in promoting racial amity and unity, and in celebration of its contributions, do proclaim Sunday, June 8, 2025 as Race Amity Day.*

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*Edward A. Lachterman, Town Supervisor,  
Sergio Esposito, Luciana Haughwout,  
Patrick Murphy and Susan Siegel, Councilmembers*