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**Honorable Members of the City Council**

Through the Office of the Mayor  
City Hall – Roosevelt Square  
Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Dear Honorable Members of City Council:

This letter comes to respectfully request that City Council enact legislation that will authorize the Youth Bureau to host the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual “**LET YOUR COLORS SHINE**” Pride Day event, on Friday, June 5, 2026, at City Hall Plaza from 3:30pm -6:30pm. This community event is in partnership with Recreation, OEM, MVPD, WJCS, Fidelis, The Loft and Daisy’s Dream. In the event of inclement weather, the rain location will be the Doles Center, located at 250 South 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Mt. Vernon, NY 10550.

The Youth Bureau also requests authorization to have the Pride flag (provided by the Youth Bureau) raised on June 1, 2026, and lowered and returned to the Youth Bureau on July 1, 2026. In addition, the presents of four (4) Auxiliary Police Officers and two (2) to four (4) MVPD for the safety of the participants. The expectation is to have approximately 200 students, parents, partners, and community members in attendance.

The purpose of the event is to increase awareness of the Youth Bureau and other CBO offerings, as well as disseminate community resources which include providing exposure of programs that serve youth in the LGBTQIA+ community.

Funds for this event are to be accounted for in the budget code A7312.401 and will not exceed \$600.00. Please feel free to contact me directly on (914) 665-2393, should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dena T. Williams  
Deputy Director

Cc: Shawyn Patterson-Howard, Mayor  
Darren M. Morton, Comptroller  
Brian Johnson, Corporation Counsel