

A good leader

To the editor: Good leaders lead, and that is what Hendersonville Mayor Barbara Volk has done. City Council members felt it was divisive to issue a proclamation for Pride Day, but they should trust her instincts on this. She is not often, nor needlessly, divisive.

Proclamations serve as prompts to inform, advocate, honor, remember and discuss. When our LGBTQ brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, piano teachers, grocers, truck drivers, in-laws, accountants and children are accepted and accorded pride in being who they are, then this will become a noncontroversial issue, such as Parkinson's Awareness Month, or the celebration of D-Day, as mentioned in the article on June 11.

Until then, I support the mayor and our elected leaders addressing the LGBTQ topic, both by proclamation and by ensuing dialogue with the concerned constituents who are contacting them. Let constituents know that someday we will not need proclamations for human rights issues — they will already be understood and noncontroversial.

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