



**NAACP**  
Martha's Vineyard Branch

April 22, 2022

Ms. Jennifer Rand  
Town Administrator  
Town of West Tisbury  
1059 State Road  
PO BOX 278  
West Tisbury, MA 02575  
Via email: [townadmin@westtisbury-ma.gov](mailto:townadmin@westtisbury-ma.gov)

**RE: Progress Pride Flag Raising in the Town of West Tisbury**

Dear Ms. Rand:

We, the NAACP Martha's Vineyard Branch, believe that it is important that all our LGBTQ+ community – residents, workers, and visitors of West Tisbury feel safe and respected. Therefore, we are requesting the Progress Pride Flag be raised on a prominent flagpole beginning no later than Wednesday, June 1, 2022, for at least the month of June (Pride Month). We are proposing this show of support at the West Tisbury Town Hall, West Tisbury Fire Station No. 1, and West Tisbury Public Safety Building (Police Department, Fire Station No. 2, and Tri Town Ambulance).

**Progress Pride Flag**

The Pride Flag is a symbol of love, peace, equality, and inclusion, a reminder to LGBTQ+ community members that they are accepted and respected. Daniel Quasar's Progress Pride flag that has been rebooted to include five-colored chevrons (representing the most marginalized individuals in our communities - Transgender and Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC)) be used in its place from this point forward to have a greater emphasis on inclusion and progression.

**History of Request**

Last year we wrote to you with this same request to fly the Progress Pride Flag on prominent flagpoles in West Tisbury, as a symbolic gesture of the Town's respect and acceptance of the LGBTQ+ community. We were pleased that you granted us the opportunity to do so. We hope for your support again this year.

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Therefore, we respectfully request your authorization to raise the Progress Pride Flag within the Town of West Tisbury starting Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Thank you for taking our request and concerns under advisement. We look forward to hearing back from you as soon as possible and are prepared to attend any meeting to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Arthur Hardy-Doubleday (he/him)  
NAACP Martha's Vineyard Branch President

Jennelle Gadowski (she/her)  
LGBTQ+ Committee Chair