

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 288

Approved June 25, 2024

WHEREAS, June is Pride month, a time to celebrate and affirm that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA) rights are human rights; and

WHEREAS, Pride month draws its origins from the Stonewall Uprising of 1969, in which LGBTQIA community members fought for and affirmed their right to live their lives as their most authentic selves, free of harassment, prejudice, and violence; and

WHEREAS, The Providence City Council affirms the right of all residents to live, work and prosper in a safe and inclusive community free from bigotry and discrimination; and

WHEREAS, Bullying, violence, and a lack of acceptance contributes to higher rates of school dropouts, youth homelessness, and ongoing mental health challenges for LGBTQIA youth; and

WHEREAS, Adult members of the LGBTQIA community continue to face discrimination, inequity in opportunity, and violence, simply for expressing their full humanity; and

WHEREAS, This is especially true for transgender women and transgender women of color; and

WHEREAS, Education regarding LGBTQIA issues supported by a legal framework that outlaws discrimination in employment, housing, financial transactions, and other services is important to help increase safety and respect for LGBTQIA members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That Providence City Council welcomes June as Pride month, a celebration of LGBTQIA members and a call to action to expand equity, diversity and community safety for all residents; and

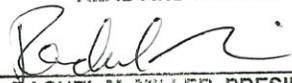
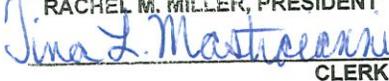
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council celebrates and recognizes the contributions, struggles, risks, and many identities of Providence's LGBTQIA community and their families and proudly affirms that love is love; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council hereby recognizes June as Pride Month in perpetuity; and

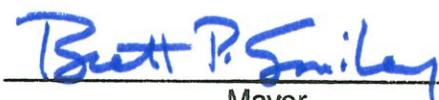
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Providence City Council wishes the LGBTQIA community and its Allies a very happy Pride month, and encourages safe celebrations.

IN CITY COUNCIL
JUN 20 2024

READ AND PASSED


RACHEL M. MILLER, PRESIDENT

CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor

Date: 6/25/24