

# RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

*No. 326*

**Approved May 24, 2018**

WHEREAS, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) individuals come from all faiths, races, national origins, socioeconomic statuses, education levels, and political beliefs; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ individuals have made and continue to make important contributions to the culture, vitality, and overall well-being of our city, our state, and our nation; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people are our neighbors, colleagues, friends, family, and vital members of our community; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, throughout much of the history of the United States of America, those in non-heteronormative relationships have been marginalized, ostracized, and even criminalized, forcing countless LGBTQ Americans to hide their identities and live in fear; and

WHEREAS, The LGBTQ community has faced discrimination, inequality, and violence throughout the history of the United States; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ people in the United States face disparities in employment, healthcare, education, and many other areas central to the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, Many states still have no explicit ban on discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in the workplace, in housing, or in education; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ youth are at increased risk of suicide, homelessness, and becoming victims of bullying and violence; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ individuals, in particular transgender individuals, face a disproportionately high risk of becoming victims of violent hate crimes; and

WHEREAS, Despite hardship and marginalization, LGBTQ Americans continue to fight for equality, dignity, and respect, and have achieved significant milestones, ensuring that future generations will enjoy a more equitable and just society; and

WHEREAS, LGBTQ Pride is a movement that promotes LGBTQ self-affirmation, dignity, and equal rights; and

WHEREAS, Today, LGBTQ Pride events and celebrations are held in communities across the globe, increasing their visibility as social group, building a sense of community, and combatting both shame and social stigma against LGBTQ individuals; and

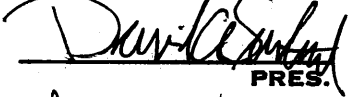
WHEREAS, By recognizing and celebrating June as LGBTQ Pride Month, the City Council makes clear that our city stands for tolerance, inclusion, respect, and equality for all people.

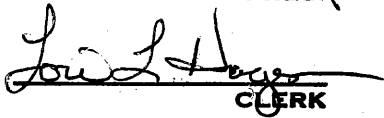
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City of Providence recognizes the month of June each year as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Pride Month."

IN CITY COUNCIL

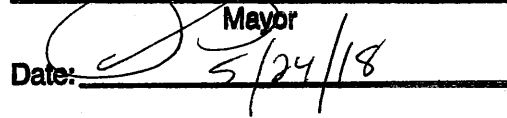
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READ AND PASSED

  
PRES.

  
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I HEREBY APPROVE.

  
Mayor  
Date: 5/24/18